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FILE 29 BODYGUARD

SHINICHI TARGETED

GOOD ONE, MASTER SHIN-ICHI. ♡
WHAT WAS THAT FOR...?!
WHA...
HA HA! WITH YOU LEARNING KARATE, I'LL BE WASTING MONEY ON YOUR BODYGUARD! ♡
SSHH...
HEH.
IMPRESSED YET, CARETAKER?
WELL THAT'S THE POINT, ISN'T IT?
I'LL BE ABLE TO PROTECT MYSELF ...

...LIKE A REAL MAN!
KIYAAAAH!!
OH...
...BROTHER!
THIS WILL END BADLY...

PERHAPS A KARATE COURSE BY MAIL IS NOT THE BEST INSTRUCTION, MASTER...
BY MAIL ?!
EEEEAGH!!
I...I THINK I BROKE MY HAND...
KURUMI... THAT'S YOUR NAME, RIGHT?
THESE SOCKS ARE SOAKED IN SWEAT. PULL 'EM OFF AND GET ME FRESH ONES!
!
MY FEET ARE SWEATY, AND I THINK MY BLISTER BURST! MASSAGE THEM!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT?"
WHA...
WHAT?!

WHERE ARE THEY?
FRESH SOCKS. SURE.
THEY'RE IN MY ROOM. FETCH THEM-- QUICKLY!
DON'T... LOSE TEMPER.
UGH!
DO AS HE SAYS, KURUMI. YOU ARE HIS CARETAKER, ARE YOU NOT?
WHY, OF ALL THE ARROGANT ...!
WHAT IS THIS GUY'S PROBLEM?!
YES SIR.
DISAPPEAR, MUTO.
WHAT, ARE YOUR LEGS BROKEN?! HURRY!
HEL-LO?!
CAN'T FIND DECENT HELP THESE DAYS.
AND BRING SUZU HERE!
WHAT A SPOILED LITTLE PUNK!!
YES, SIR.

THANKS, SUZU!
SHINICHI... I BROUGHT YOU FRESH SOCKS AND ORANGE JUICE.
TAKA TAKA
SUZU WAKABA
SUZU WAKABA. MAID FOR THE FUDO FAMILY.

A LITTLE?! ARE YOU HIGH?! WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST DO THE CARETAKING FOR HIM?!
I'M SORRY, MISS AYAKI.
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?
SHINICHI IS A LITTLE SPOILED...
SHE'S THE MAID FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSE, NOT JUST FOR SHINICHI.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SUZU WAKABA?
AND HIS KARATE! HE SEEMS COMPLETELY INEPT!
YET HE'S WEARING A BLACK BELT...
YEAH, WELL, NEITHER AM I!!
BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BEHAVE LIKE IT...

THAT PUNCH IS THE ONLY MOVE HE DOES WELL, SO HE INTIMIDATES PEOPLE WITH IT.
YAH!
THE PUNCH HE THREW AT ME SEEMED REAL ENOUGH, THOUGH...
WHAT?!
ALL FORGERIES, MADAM.
TO BE HONEST, HE HAS ZERO TALENT!
I SEE...
PLEASE, KEEP IT SECRET..
HE'S QUITE STUBBORN AND PROUD. IF HE FOUND OUT THAT I'M SECRETLY ASKING THE POLICE TO GUARD HIM, HE'D FIRE ME.
GEEZ...
HOW LAME!
BY THE WAY, MUTO-SAN, MAY I ASK YOU ABOUT THE THREATS HE'S RECEIVED?
OF COURSE.

IT BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THIS LETTER WAS LEFT IN THE MAILBOX OF THE HOUSE...

A WARNING

すっ。

神の啓示により不動家の財産はすべて我が物であることを知った横取りする者に死を！

『真の相続者』

*Note: By Divine Revelation of God, it has been revealed that all properties of the Fudo family are mine. Death to the person who would steal them from me! The Real Heir.

THE REAL HEIR...?

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE ENTITLED TO THE INHERITANCE?

NO SHINICHI'S THE ONLY ONE.

THEN... THIS SENDER IS DELUSIONAL, RIGHT?

I'LL WAGER BEFORE THIS CASE IS OVER, WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.
THE DAY AFTER THE THREATENING LETTER ARRIVED...
...THERE WAS A FIRE AT THE WEST COTTAGE WHILE SHINICHI WAS READING A BOOK.
W-WHAT?
?
A BIG ROCK WAS BLOCKING THE DOORWAY, AND...
...MASTER SHINICHI ALMOST GOT BURNED, ALONG WITH HIS PRIVATE TEACHER, IIZUKA-KUN.
YEAH?

KIMITADA IIZUKA
TAKA TAKA
HOW DID THEY ESCAPE?
IT WON'T OPEN!
I THREW A ROCK THROUGH THE WIN-DOW, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE.
WHOA... POPULAR GUY...
ANOTHER TIME, HE WAS ATTACKED WITH CROSS-BOWS WHILE WALKING IN THE PARK.
BUT THERE'S MORE. ONE TIME MASTER SHINICHI'S BRAKE LINE WAS CUT...

IN ANY CASE, IT'S MORE THAN OBVIOUS SOMEONE WANTS THE MASTER DEAD.
AND NOW HE'S GOING TO A VILLA IN NIKKOU, WHERE PRESIDENT JUZO IS RECUPERATING.
Breep
Breep
EXCUSE ME.
MUTO HERE.
OH, IT'S YOU, SUZU ...
W-WHAT?!
!!

AAAHH! HELP!!
HEEELP!!
OH!
!
SHINICHI!
IS THAT--?!

A KING COBRA! THEIR BITE IS LETHAL!

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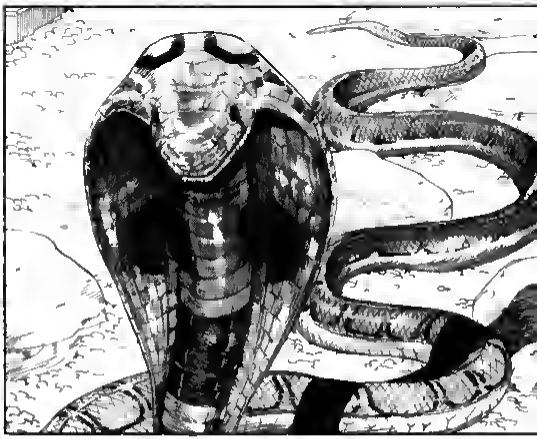
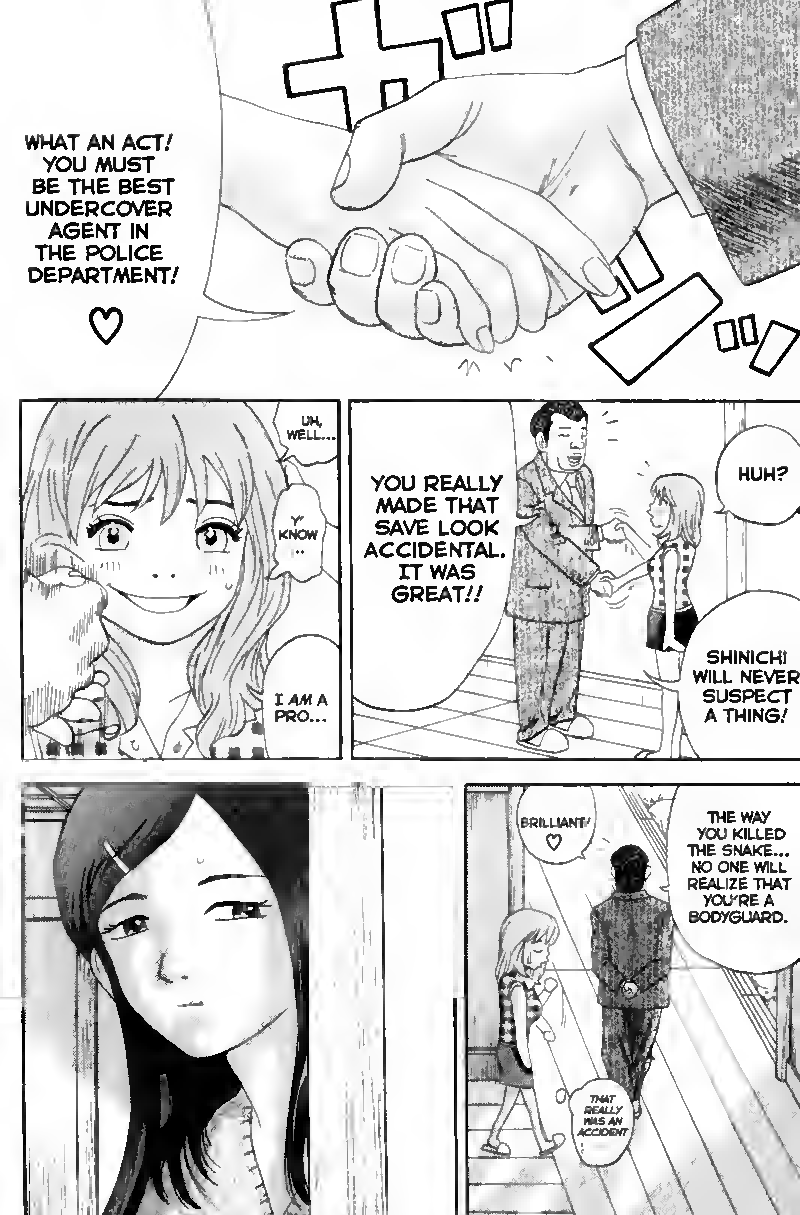


I-I'M COMING, YOUNG MASTER...

EEEEEK!
IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!
UH... HEY...
AAAAH!!
GET BAAACK!!

HUH?
I-I MEAN...
HA! GOT 'IM!
YEP...
LOOKS LIKE
I TOOK CARE
OF THAT.
J-JUST LIKE
I PLANNED!
HEH.
♡

I THINK WE SHOULD CANCEL TODAY'S STUDY.
WHAT WITH ALL THE EXCITE-MENT...
THANK GOD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, SHINICHI!
!
IIZUKA...
MY HERO.
IT'S JUST A LITTLE SNAKE...
TAKE THAT, SNAKEY!
YOU KIDDIN'? THIS IS NO BIG DEAL!
WELL THEN... LET'S GET STARTED.


WHAT AN ACT! YOU MUST BE THE BEST UNDERCOVER AGENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!
UH, WELL...
Y' KNOW...
I AM A PRO...
YOU REALLY MADE THAT SAVE LOOK ACCIDENTAL. IT WAS GREAT!!
HUH?
SHINICHI WILL NEVER SUSPECT A THING!
BRILLIANT!
THE WAY YOU KILLED THE SNAKE... NO ONE WILL REALIZE THAT YOU'RE A BODYGUARD.
THAT REALLY WAS AN ACCIDENT

MUTO-SAN, WAS SHINICHI-KUN ALL RIGHT?
IT'S... IT'S...
!
!

WHY ARE YOU HERE, LIEUTENANT OTAGURO...?!
OFFICER AYAKI?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE...?!
NOT TO MENTION OFFICERS HACHINOHE AND CHIKUMAGAWA FROM CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, TOO!!

SHINICHI MIGHT OVERHEAR.
SSH! OFFICER OTAGURO-- PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN!

WONDERFUL. OFFICER OTAGURO...
THIS IS ALL I NEED...

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UNSOLVED CASE REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION		
Case file number: 867-5-30-9	Previous officer assigned:	Det. K. Tetsuya
	Current officer assigned:	Officer K. Ayaki

Investigation status:

Officer Ayaki reporting.

I've stopped killer clowns and insane bombers. I've risked my life and saved countless innocent civilians. Now all I want is a little time off with my fiancé. But Inspector Himuro has other plans....

I've been assigned as a bodyguard for a spoiled punk kid, the only heir to a mountain of riches. Easy gig, right? There's just one little problem: Someone wants this kid knocked off. Someone wants all the loot.

So Himuro put me on the case. The kid thinks I've been hired as his personal assistant—if he knew he had a bodyguard, he'd wig out. Oh, and there's one *other* problem. The attackers mean business and they're closing in for the kill. The only thing standing in their way is me. Time off will have to wait...

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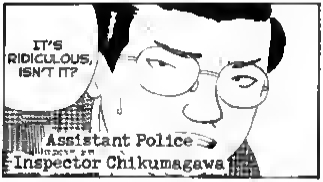
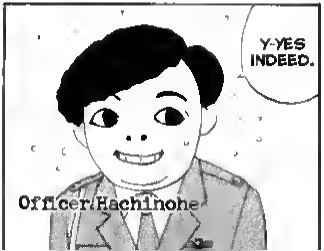
THAT ARROGANT, INSOLENT LITTLE *HERMIT!* HIDING IN HIS CAVE!
Police Inspector Otaguro
IT WAS *YOU!* YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BECAME HIMURO'S LACKEY!!
FILE 30 BODYGUARD
THREE STOOGES

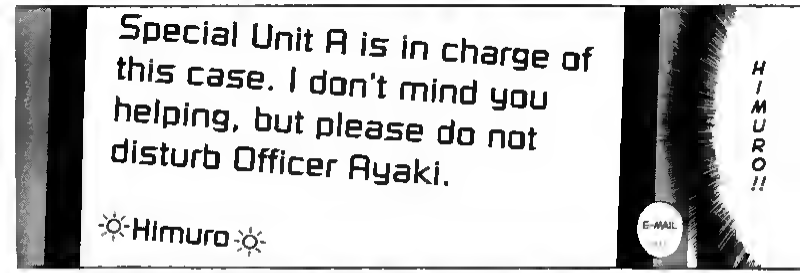
I GIVE YOU THE THREE STOOGES OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION....


IT'S RIDICULOUS, ISN'T IT?
Assistant Police Inspector Chikumagawa

WELL, I...
WHY WASN'T I NOTIFIED SOMEONE FROM THE SPECIAL UNIT WAS HERE?!
SPEAK UP!


Y-YES INDEED.
Officer Hachinohe

IT'S STILL SCARY
IT'S DEAD, SIR.
OH MY! A SNAKE
BREEP
BREEP
HUH?


Special Unit A is in charge of this case. I don't mind you helping, but please do not disturb Officer Ayaki.
-Himuro-
HIMURO!!
E-MAIL

HUH?
BEEP
Fudo Group's security companies are an important place for a police official to work after retirement, so I understand why you want to make a good impression. Under the circumstances, however, it is highly inappropriate.
Himuro
WHY THAT LITTLE...
JUST BAG IT FOR EVIDENCE!
IT'S DEAD, SIR
IT MOVED!
DISTURB?! WH-WH-WHAT'S THAT KID TALKING ABOUT?!
THE FIRE INSPECTOR HAS DETERMINED THE FIRE HERE WAS CLEARLY ARSON, SO WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO LOOK AFTER MASTER SHINICHI.

Y-YOU ...

Lets do lunch sometime.
☼ Himuro ☼

YOU...

In any case, stay away from Shinichi Fudo. You'll only be in the way.

HE PROBABLY USED TEXT MESSAGING TO AVOID THE INEVITABLE SHOUTING MATCH.

CASE IN POINT.

I'M HERE BY OFFICIAL REQUEST!

THAT SANCTIMONIOUS SON OF A BITCH!! GIVING *ME* ORDERS?! ARROGANT SHIT!!

HOW DARE-

ARUGA

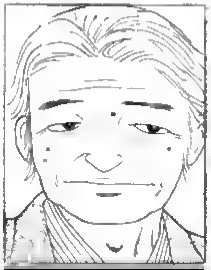
OH, YES... WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, OFFICER OTAGURO! ♡

I WAS SO WORRIED! UNCLE JUZO ASKED US TO LOOK AFTER HIM... RIGHT, HONEY?

THANK GOD SHINICHI WAS ALL RIGHT! ♡

?

THEY'D ALSO BE IN LINE FOR QUITE A FINANCIAL WINDFALL SHOULD TRAGEDY BEFALL SHINICHI.



MITSUO KAIBARA

Fudo Security Company President

MIEKO KAIBARA

Fudo Security Company Vice President

THEY RE SHINICHI'S RELATIVES MIEKO KAIBARA RNO HER HUSBRNO, MITSUO KAIBARA.

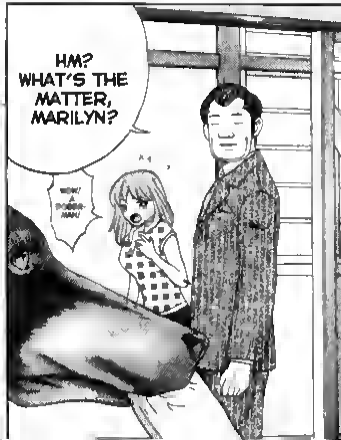
THEY'RE BOTH EXECUTIVES OF FUOO GROUP'S SECURITY COMPRNY. I GUESS THEY TOOK ROVRNTRGE OF THE CONNECTION RNO RSKED OFFICER OTRGURO FOR HELP.

SO THAT'S WHY OFFICER OTAGURO IS SO ENTHUSIASTIC...
KISS-ASS.
NO PROB-LEM!
I, OTAGURO, AM GOING TO GUARD HIM IN PERSON!
I'M NOT SURE I'M COMFORTABLE WITH THIS.
SHE'S JUST A YOUNG GIRL...
HUH?
MIEKO MAY FAVOR OTAGURO...
...BUT I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, AYAKI.
WELL...
UH...
IT ALSO HELPS THAT I'M THE ONLY DETECTIVE...
...THAT YOU'RE THE ACE DETECTIVE OF SPECIAL UNIT A!
Wink
SUPERIN-TENDENT HIMURO SAID...

!!

WHAT'S SHE GOT...?
WHAT'S...

THIS IS SHINICHI'S DOG...
?!
SHE'S GOT AN EN-VELOPE!


HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER, MARILYN?

UH, HOLD ON!
WHAT?
BE WARY, AYAKI.
O-OKAY.
ゴクッ…
HANDLE THE ENVELOPE WITH CARE, AYAKI.
IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER THREAT FROM OUR PERP. IT'S UNLIKELY, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PULL SOME LATENT PRINTS FROM IT.
HAVE MUTO CALL OFFICER OTAGURO.
…

HOW HEAVY IS IT?
ABOUT THE WEIGHT OF A PLATE.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IT'S NOT JUST A LETTER.
HOW THICK IS THE ENVELOPE?
A CENTIMETER, MAYBE...
Shinichi Fudo
Setagaya, Tokyo
THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT COULDN'T BE A TRAP RIGGED SOME OTHER WAY. I THINK IT'S SAFEST TO OPEN IT FROM THE BOTTOM.
SO GO AHEAD-- DO IT.
C-COULD IT BE A BOMB OR SOMETHING?!
I DON'T THINK SO THE PERP'S TARGET IS SHINICHI SO EVEN IF HE USED SHINICHI'S DOG...
BUT...
...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT SHINICHI WOULD OPEN THE ENVELOPE.
BUT...?

I COULD LOSE AN ARM/ OR WORSE!
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS.
I WOULDN'T PUT SOMEONE SO IMPORTANT TO ME IN A SITUATION I DIDN'T THINK THEY COULD HANDLE.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY!
RELAX, KURUMI. I NEED YOU TO KEEP A STEADY HAND
I'M GLAD YOU CAN BE SO CASUAL WITH MY WELL-BEING!
WHAAAT?! ME?! OPEN IT?!
YOU'LL BE FINE.
THAT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY. LET'S PLAY THE ODDS.
BUT... WHAT IF IT EXPLODES?!
WE'RE WASTING VALUABLE TIME! JUST OPEN THE DAMN ENVELOPE!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'M DOING IT!
WHAT...?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
OH... CRAP...

EEEEEEk!
!
WORMS! A BUNCH OF SLIMY WORMS IN THE ENVELOPE!
CALM DOWN. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN THERE?
WHAT HAPPENED?!

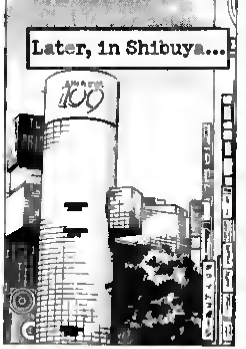
ANOTHER LETTER!

*Note:
There is no escape!! Death to the person who steals from me! The Real Heir

HUH...
AYAKI--I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOW.
YOU CAN GO HOME.

WHAT? ARE YOU SURE?
YES. TOMORROW MORNING, SHINICHI IS GOING TO NIKKOU TO SEE PRESIDENT JUZO.
THAT'LL BE WHEN OUR PERP MAKES HIS MOVE.
TOMORROW, WE'LL FINALLY GET TO TEST YOUR SKILLS AS A BODYGUARD.

SO YOU'RE THE BODYGUARD?


Later, in Shibuya...
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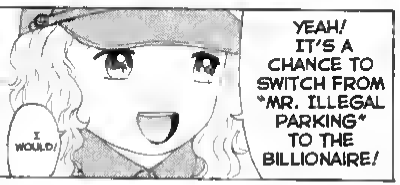
BUT IF THIS WORKS OUT...YOU COULD LAND A RICH BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?

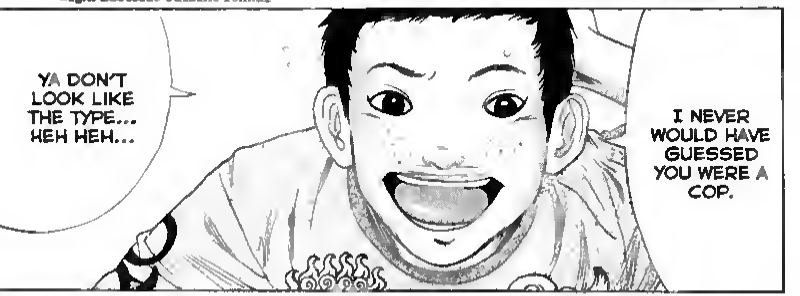

YEAH! IT'S A CHANCE TO SWITCH FROM "MR. ILLEGAL PARKING" TO THE BILLIONAIRE!
I WOULD!

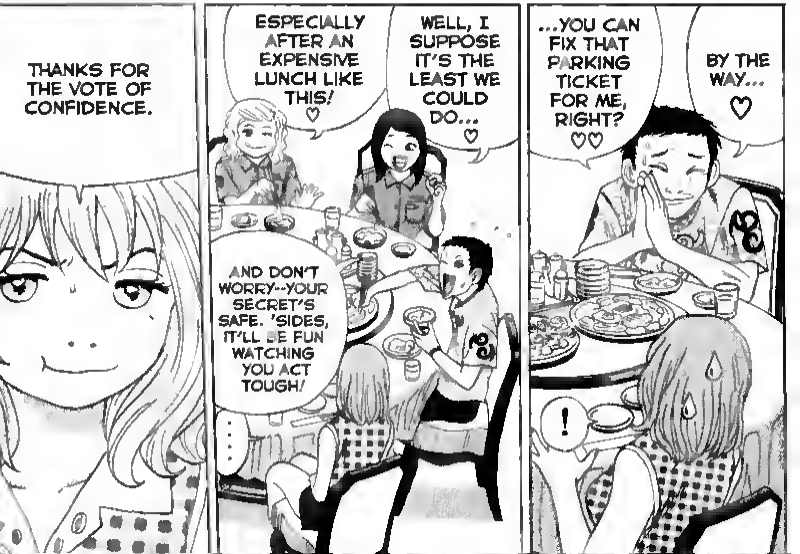
YEP. ♡
IT IS PRETTY PATHETIC.
SILLY, HUH? I'M NOT STRONG!
JUST LOOK AT THIS LIMP NOODLE.

BUT SMELLY FEET THAT'RE PROBABLY DRIVING A PORSCHE LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
WHAT?! NO WAY!! HE'S JUST A SPOILED LITTLE RICH BRAT WITH SMELLY FEET!!

HEY! THAT'S A NO-PARKING ZONE...
WHA--?!
DON'T YOU SEE THAT BIG NO-PARKING SIGN?!
YOUR LICENSE, MA'AM!
HUH?
WHAAAT?! ARE... ARE YOU...?

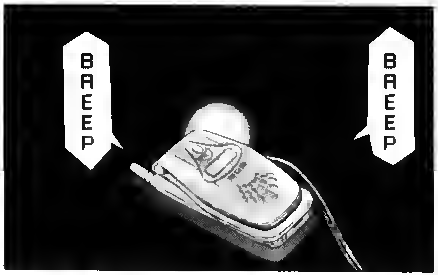
* Sign: Eastside Cuisine Tenkai




THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.
ESPECIALLY AFTER AN EXPENSIVE LUNCH LIKE THIS! ♡
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S THE LEAST WE COULD DO... ♡
AND DON'T WORRY--YOUR SECRET'S SAFE. 'SIDES, IT'LL BE FUN WATCHING YOU ACT TOUGH!
...
...YOU CAN FIX THAT PARKING TICKET FOR ME, RIGHT? ♡♡
BY THE WAY... ♡
!

THIS KID THINKS JUST BECAUSE HE'S RICH, HE CAN GET WHATEVER HE WANTS!
ORDERING SHARK FIN...

HOW DO I GET INTO THESE SITUATIONS?!


BEEP
BEEP

.....

IT'S KUKUMI.
HELLO ...?

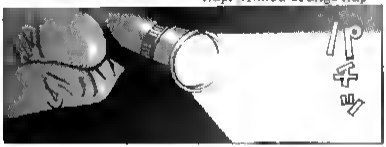
THIS IS HIMURO.
.....

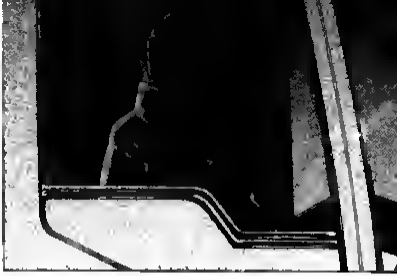
DO I REALLY HAVE TO, UH, BE HIS BODYGUARD?
TELL ME WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU.
...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE OFF DUTY.
WHAT IS IT?
OH... UM...
I SEE...
BUT THIS IS YOUR JOB. YOU CAN'T BE EFFECTIVE AS AN OFFICER IF YOU LET PERSONAL FEELINGS CLOUD YOUR JUDGMENT.

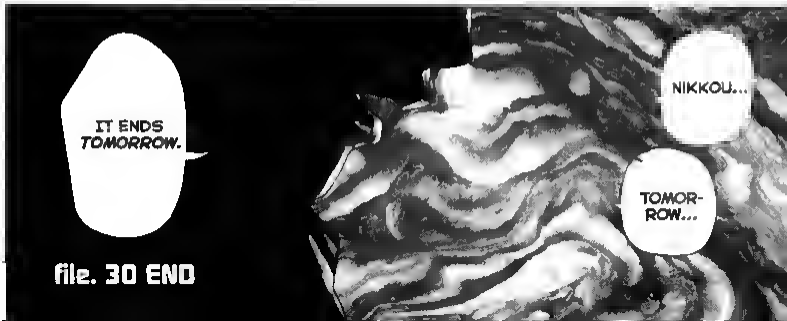
BUT... I CAN'T JUST TURN OFF MY FEELINGS LIKE A FAUCET!
...
LISTEN... FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, IT'S OFTEN ADVANTAGEOUS THAT I'M LACKING CERTAIN... EMOTIONS...
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'RE THINGS THAT I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND.
IN THOSE SCENARIOS...
...EMOTIONAL PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF HAVE THE ADVANTAGE.

HIMURO ...
KURUMI, I...
I NEED YOU...
ガーッ
ER ANYWAY YOUR ASSIGNMENT TOMORROW
I KNOW YOU'LL DO A GOOD JOB
THANKS ...

*Map: Nikkou Orange Map







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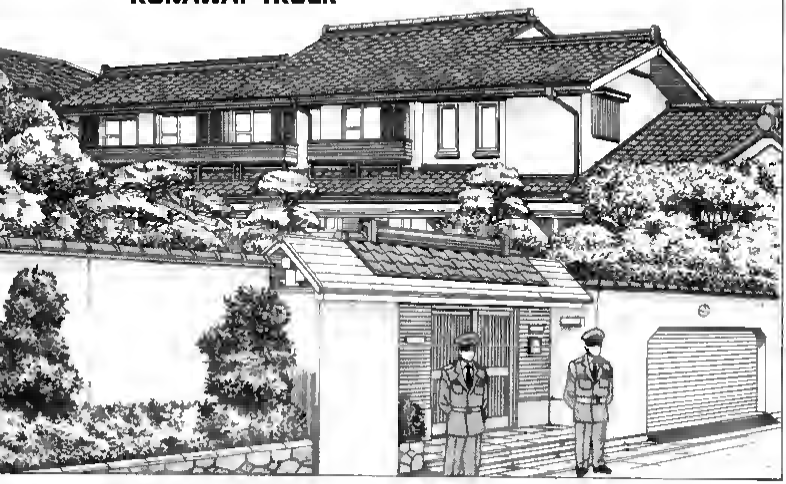
FILE 31 BODYGUARD
RUNAWAY TRUCK



ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE SAFEST COURSE?
WHY DON'T WE CARPOOL WITH EVERY-ONE IN THE BENZ BEHIND US?
ARE YOU KIDDING? I WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD IN SUCH A BORING CAR!
AND ...
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...I HAVE YOU TO PROTECT ME, RIGHT? ♡
WHAT COULD BE SAFER? HA HA!
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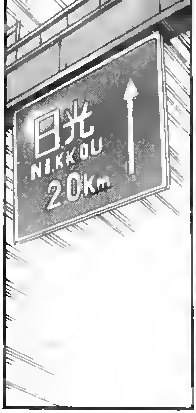
WE CAN'T BE UPSTAGED BY HAKURYO'S MAID!!
A RIGHT!
HACHI-NOHE! DON'T LOSE TRACK OF THEIR CARS!
Y-YES SIR!
OW!
COPY THAT. DON'T LOSE TRACK OF THEM, BOB...
CAN YOU HEAR ME, KOU? THEY JUST LEFT THE MANSION... ♡
NOT A CHANCE, BOSS! ♡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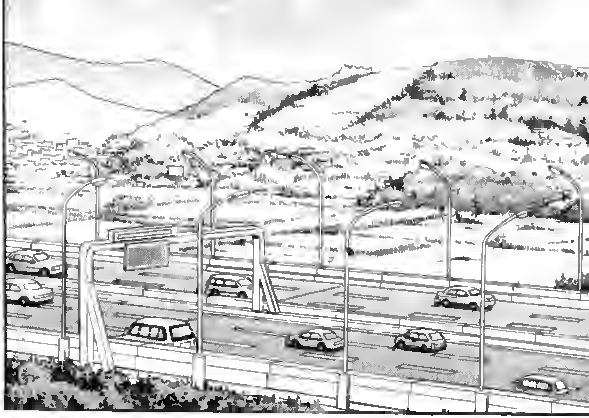

SO I WON'T GET A TICKET IF I SPEED, RIGHT?!
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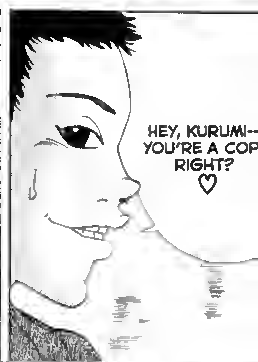
YES... SO?


HEY, KURUMI-- YOU'RE A COP RIGHT?
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HEY! HOW'S THE BENZ SUPPOSED TO KEEP UP WITH US?
COPS GET TICKETS, TOO!!
RELAX! THEY'LL CATCH UP! THERE'S ONLY ONE ROUTE TO NIKKOU... ♡
UH... SHOULD WE PUT THE SIREN ON?
GRRR...
HACHINOHE! DON'T LOSE HIM!
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SHINICHI'S GOING TOO FAST...
BUT HE'S IN A PORSCHE, SO--
WE'RE LOSING THEM, SHITHEAD!
IF WE DO, SHINICHI WILL REALIZE THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING.
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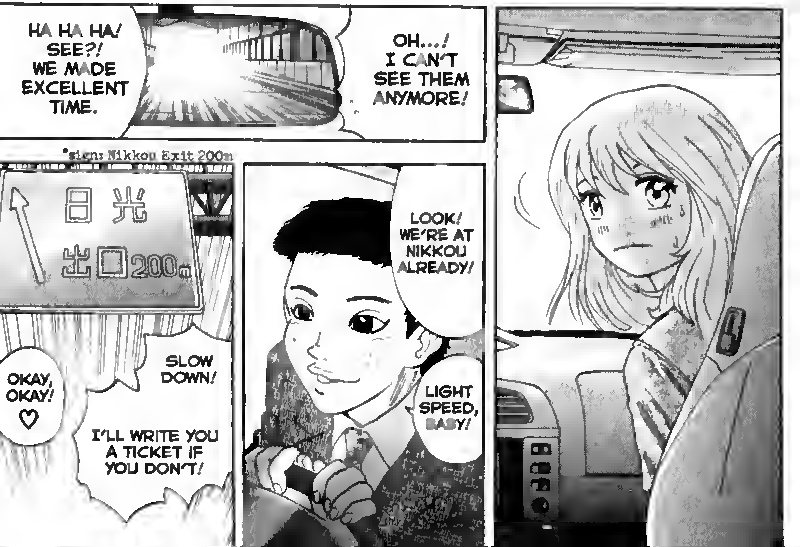
NO EXCUSES! KEEP UP, DIPSHIT!
Y-YES, SIR.
OPEN YOUR EYES!

DON'T LOSE THEM!
ON IT. ♡
KOU... SHINICHI JUST TOOK OFF LIKE A BAT OUTTA HELL.
WHAT'S HE THINKING?
COME IN.
!
KNOCK KNOCK
IS KURUMI DOING WELL?
...
SHE IS.
YES.
JUST SET IT WHER-EVER.
YES, YES.
EXCUSE ME, SIR. I BROUGHT YOU BREAK-FAST.
OKAY ...

SIR...PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.

I WILL.
CLINK


HA HA HA! SEE?! WE MADE EXCELLENT TIME.
OH...! I CAN'T SEE THEM ANYMORE!
*sign: Nikkou Exit 200m
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出口200m
OKAY, OKAY! ♡
SLOW DOWN!
I'LL WRITE YOU A TICKET IF YOU DON'T!
LOOK! WE'RE AT NIKKOU ALREADY!
LIGHT SPEED, BABY!

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CRUNCH
ROARR
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SHINICHI?
YOU TALKIN' TO THE ROAD WARRIOR, BABY!!
'SIDES, THE GPS IS TOP NOTCH!
SONOFA...!
THE FREAKING NAVIGATOR IS BROKEN! SHIT!!
BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT--
WHAT?!
TURN BACK NOW!!
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HEY! RELAX, WILL YA?! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
I'M NOT KID-DING!
TURN THIS CAR AROUND RIGHT NOW, SHINICHI!
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AAAAHH!!
WHOA!
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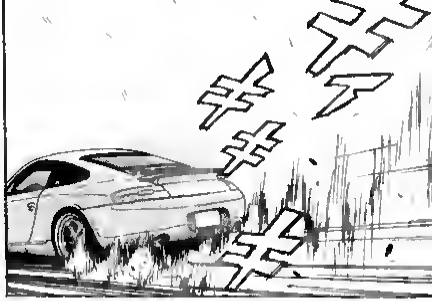
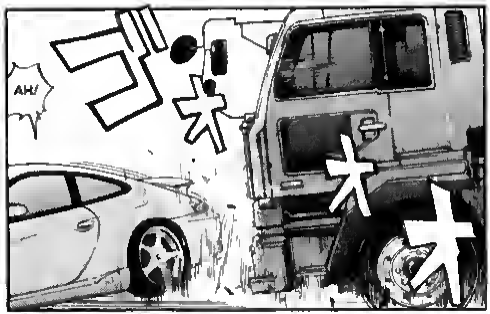
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
OW!
THAT GUY'S DRUNK!

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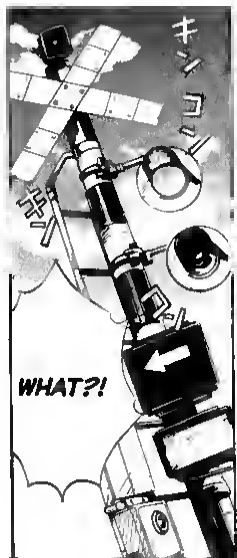
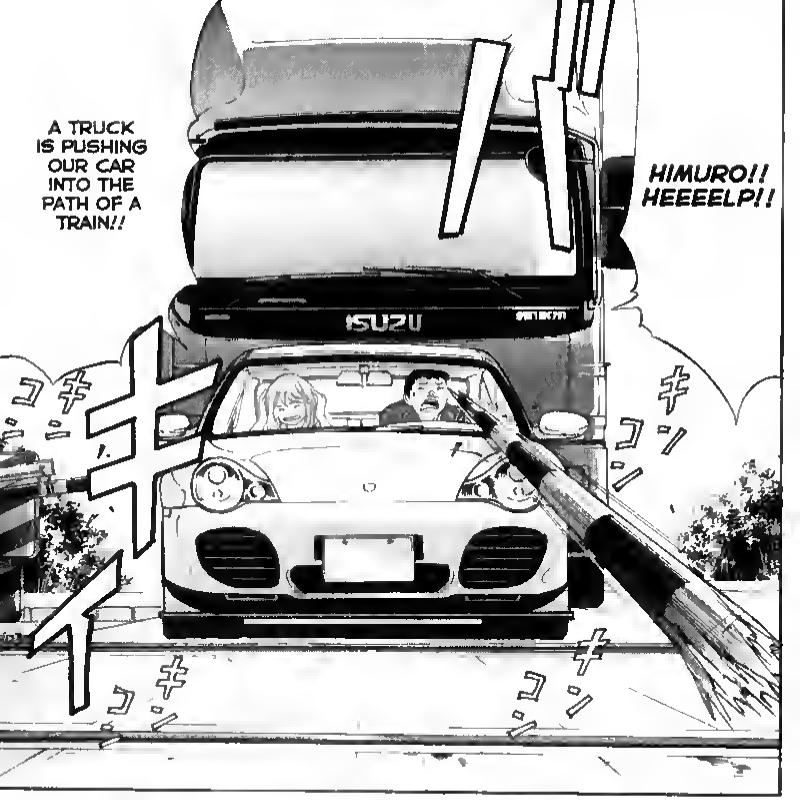
SHIT!!


WHAT?!

HE'S DOING IT ON PURPOSE! HE'S TRYING TO FORCE US ONTO THE RAILROAD CROSSING!!


A TRUCK IS PUSHING OUR CAR INTO THE PATH OF A TRAIN!!
HIMUROOO!! HEEEELP!!
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BOB!! WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHAT?!

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I WANT MY MOMMY !!!
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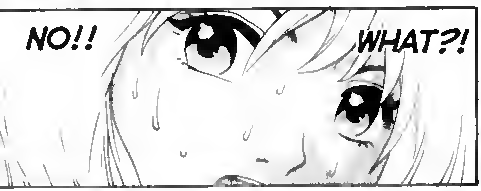
FUCK THAT! GIMME A BAA-BAA!!
DON'T BE A BABY!
AAAAHHH!!
THE... THE TRAIN!!
NO...

HUH?!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT A TRUCK!!
BOB!! GET BACK!!
GET OUT, KURUMI...
IF HE... RELEASES THE BRAKE... IT'S OVER! JUST...GO! NOW!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT SHIN-ICHI?!
GET OUT! YOU'LL BE SAVED AT LEAST...
WHAT?!

NNNGH!! WE'LL ALL DIE...AT THIS... RATE...
B- BUT...
NO! I CAN'T!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WHAT?!

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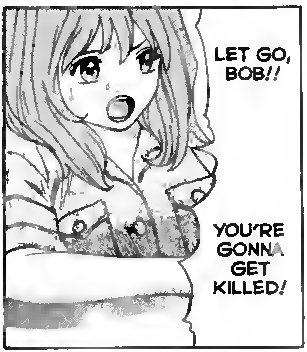
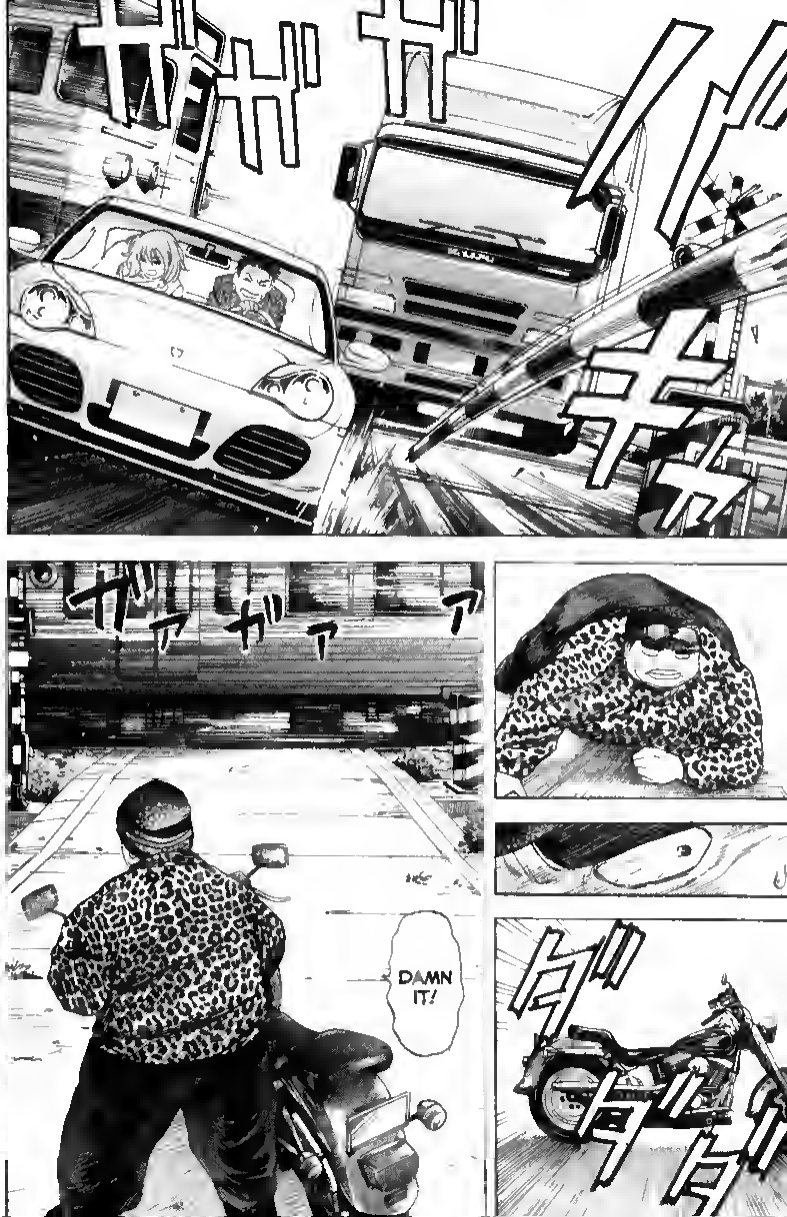

LET GO, BOB!!
YOU'RE GONNA GET KILLED!

FUCK THIS NOISE, MAN!! I'M FLOORIN' IT!!


DAMN IT!

CUT TO THE LEFT-- QUICK!!
WHOA!
HEY!
DO IT...
...NOW!
I REALLY ALMOST DIED!
HIMURO... THIS IS TOO MUCH! CAN I GO HOME NOW?
WE'RE... SAFE NOW...
YOU MAY YET STILL IF YOU BREAK DOWN NOW! KEEP IT TOGETHER, KURUMI!

THIS MAY BE A BAD TIME...BUT IS THAT YOUR BOYFRIEND?
THAT IS NONE OF YOUR--
OMIGOD!!LOOKOOOUUUTTT!!
SWERVE!! SWERVE!!

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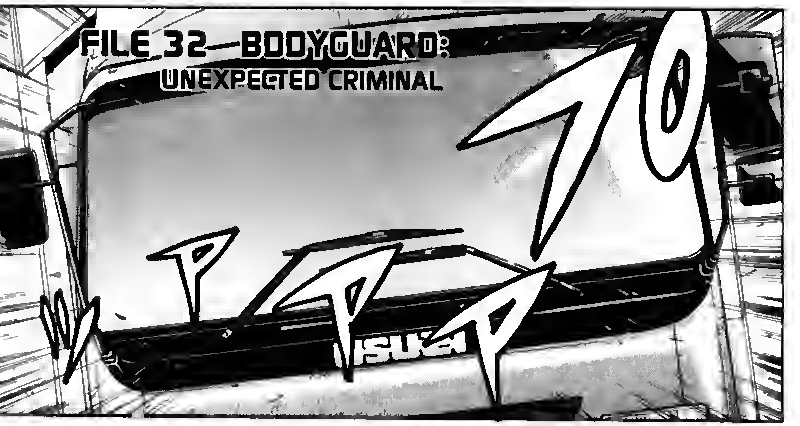
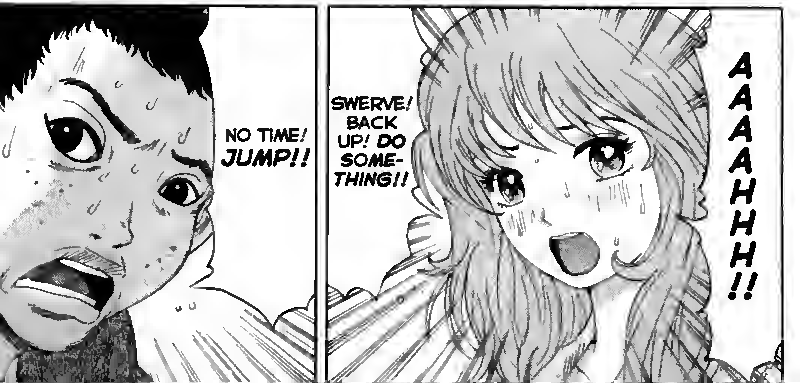

FILE 32—BODYGUARD:
UNEXPECTED CRIMINAL
ISUZU


NO TIME! JUMP!!
SWERVE! BACK UP! DO SOME-THING!!
AAAAHHH!!

AHHHH!!

I-I'M OKAY!
HUH?!
AYAKI, WHAT HAP-PENED?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! ANSWER ME!!

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THE TRUCK...! IT'S GETTING AWAY!!

WHAT ...?
BOB! FOLLOW THAT TRUCK!!
WHAT ABOUT KURUMI?
DO NOT LOSE THE SUSPECT!
SHE'S FINE.

ON IT.
SHINICHI! WHERE ARE YOU?!
SHOUT IF YOU'RE OKAY!
SHINICHI!
SHINICHI!
OOOHHH... WHERE DID HE LAND?!
IF HE'S HURT, IN A FOREST LIKE THIS...

A GUN-SHOT?!
AAAHH! PLEASE, NO!!
SHINICHI'S VOICE!!
COULD HE BE-?
MORE SHOTS!
SHINICHI!!

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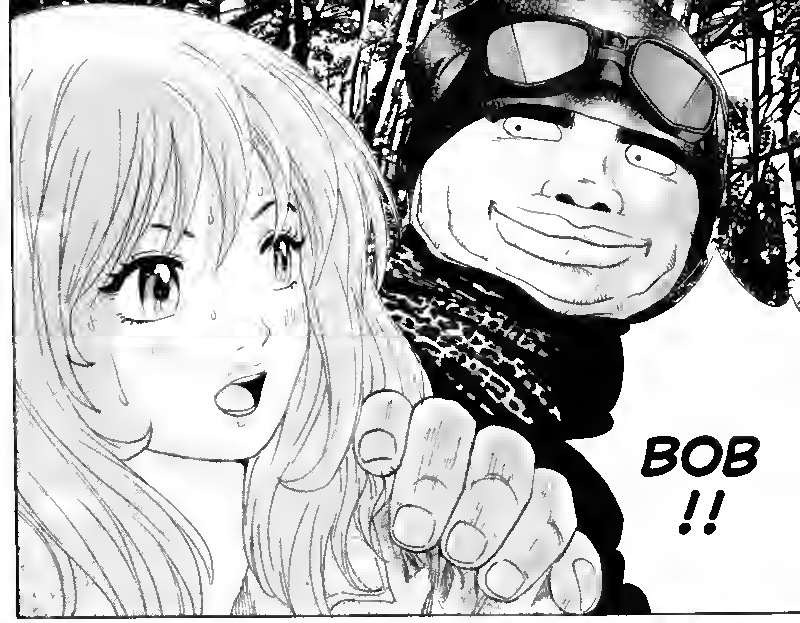
BOB
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I DON'T KNOW!
I HEARD HIM CALL OUT, FOLLOWED BY GUNSHOTS...
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HIYA, KIDDO. WHERE'S SHINICHI?

THERE'S A SMALL SHED OVER THERE. I'D WAGER THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND OUR PERP!
SHED...?!
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I GOT A TEMPORARY TRUCK DRIVER'S LICENSE JUST FOR TODAY, BUT...

THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK WAS...
...SUZU WAKABA, THE MAID!
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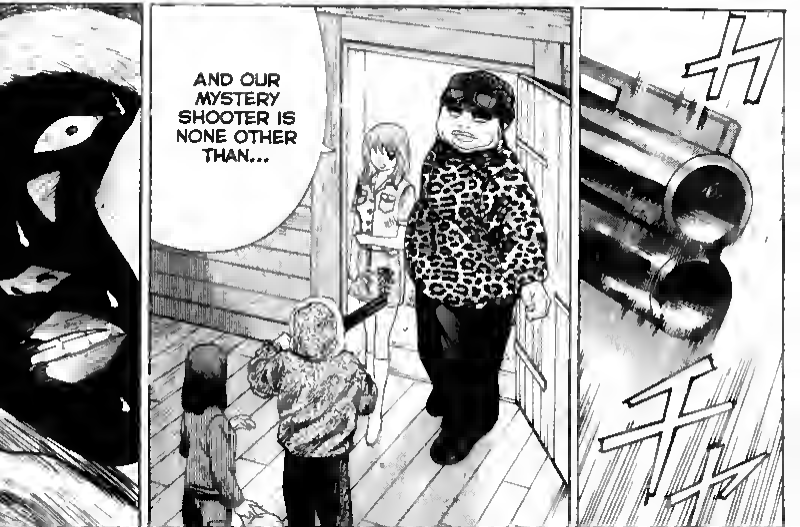
AND OUR MYSTERY SHOOTER IS NONE OTHER THAN...
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...SHIN-
ICHI
FUDO!!
BUT...
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
WHAT'S THIS
ALL ABOUT?!
SHINICHI
...?
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I FOLLOWED THE TRUCK AS KOU INSTRUCTED, EXPECTING TO NAB SOME PSYCHO.
SO IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND YOU IN THE TRUCK, SUZU. ♡
WAIT! SHE'S INNOCENT! SHE JUST FOLLOWED MY DIRECTIONS!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!!
. . . .
I'M... SORRY...
BUT WHY? WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY HOPE TO GAIN?
SO WHAT, THEN? YOU TWO ORCHESTRATED ALL THESE FAKE MURDER ATTEMPTS YOURSELVES?

WE...
WE DID ALL THIS SO WE COULD...
... ELOPE.
SIGH...
YOU GETTING THIS, KOU?
ELOPE?!
WHAT?
WHY?
EVERY WORD.

WE'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER FOR THREE YEARS.
BUT MY GRAND-FATHER, JUZO...
...ONLY ALLOWS ME TO SEE GIRLS FROM IMPORTANT, WEALTHY FAMILIES.
HE'D NEVER ACCEPT SUZU, BECAUSE SHE'S ONLY A MAID!!
SO, WE KEPT OUR LOVE A SECRET.
BUT THEN UNCLE JUZO STARTED TO PRESSURE ME TO MARRY WHILE HE'S STILL ALIVE.
I JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
SO YOU PLOTTED TO FAKE YOUR OWN DEATH?
I JUST WANTED MY LIFE TO FINALLY BE MY OWN.

OH!
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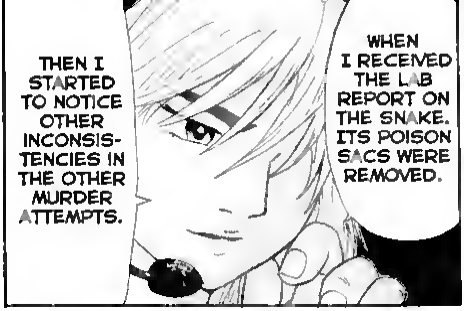
SILLY BOY. ♡

MY MOM TOLD ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
...YOU SHOULD MARRY FOR LOVE, NOT TO PLEASE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.
YOU'RE JUST A CHILD, AFTER ALL!!
FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE *HER* BODYGUARD, OKAY? ♡


THEN I STARTED TO NOTICE OTHER INCONSISTENCIES IN THE OTHER MURDER ATTEMPTS.
WHEN I RECEIVED THE LAB REPORT ON THE SNAKE. ITS POISON SACS WERE REMOVED.

SO, KOU ...
WHEN DID YOU REALIZE SHINICHI WAS FAKING THE CRIMES?

YEAH. IT'S A GOOD CHANGE, THOUGH.

BUT YOU WERE GONNA LET HIM PLAY IT OUT ANYWAY?
WELL... IT WAS HARMLESS ENOUGH.
KOU... YOU'VE CHANGED.
HAVE I?

YOU MAKE A GOOD TEAM.
YOU AND KURUMI...
HA! KURUMI AYAKI, SUPER SLEUTH! ♡♡

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Case 4:

Murder at the End of Summer

FILE 33 MURDER at the END of SUMMER
KURUMI'S RIVAL?!

NO.
THIS ISN'T AN OFFICE JOB. I NEED YOU ON-CALL, TWENTY-FOUR SEVEN.
THIS IS ABSURD!
I'M STILL PART OF THE FORCE--AND THEREFORE ENTITLED TO A PAID VACATION!
DENIED.
YOU... YOU'RE HORRIBLE!
I STOP KILLER CLOWNS AND INSANE BOMBERS...
...AND I CAN'T GET A WEEK OFF WITH MY BOYFRIEND?
I RISK MY LIFE...
BUT DO YOU CARE?! NO!
HE'S GONNA GET FED UP, AND... AND...

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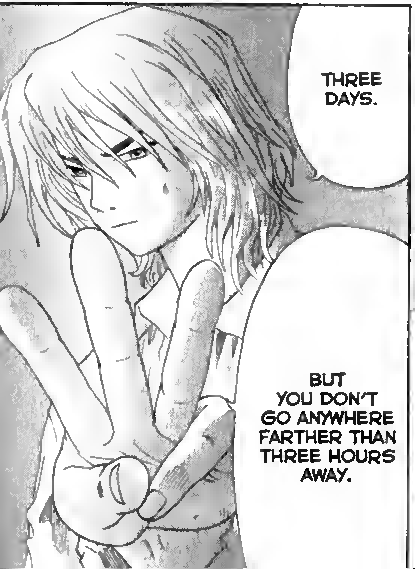
BROTHER

...AND HE'LL CALL OFF OUR ENGAGEMENT!! MY WEDDING, MY ENTIRE FUTURE WILL BE DESTROYED!!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?! TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR--


THREE DAYS.
BUT YOU DON'T GO ANYWHERE FARTHER THAN THREE HOURS AWAY.

YOU DON'T EVEN CARE! SO LONG AS I'M AT YOUR BECK AND CALL, AND...
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SOB
...

ALL RIGHT! ENOUGH. YOU WIN.
WHAT?! SO YOU'LL GIVE ME THE TIME OFF?!

AND TAKE THE CELL PHONE AND YOUR POLICE I.D. WITH YOU. UNDERSTOOD?
JUST PRAY THAT NO CASES TURN UP DURING THAT TIME.
THANK YOU, SIR!
YES, SIR!
HM?
WHAT? I HAVE TO TAKE ...
...THE CELL PHONE?
A PROPER SALUTE SHOULD BE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, YOU KNOW.
HMPH.
THEN IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
LATER!

...THAT YOU GAVE KURUMI TIME OFF, MASTER KOZABURO.
I HEAR ...
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AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT, KOZABURO?
OKAY WITH WHAT, HANAE?
UH-HUH. SHE'S GOING ON A TRIP WITH HER FIANCÉ.
I DIDN'T WANT HER TO BREAK UP WITH HIM AND CURSE ME FOR IT.
YAY! VACATION WITH SHINGO!
WELL... HER MARRIAGE MIGHT HAPPEN SOONER BECAUSE OF THIS TRIP, YOU KNOW.
IF IT DOES, I'LL FIND A REPLACEMENT.
I WONDER IF HE NOTICED THE EYE DROPS...?
THAT WAS CLOSE!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU REALLY DON'T SEE IT, DO YOU?
HMPH.
YOU REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT KURUMI MIGHT BE THE ONE...
...WHO CAN HELP YOU FEEL AGAIN.
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.

THE SUN FEELS SO GOOD! THE SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER, BUT FINALLY, I'M ON MY VACATION!
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THIS IS GREAT! I'M SOOO HAPPY!
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OH, MAN!
I SECOND THAT!
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FINALLY GONNA GET ME SOME, BABY!
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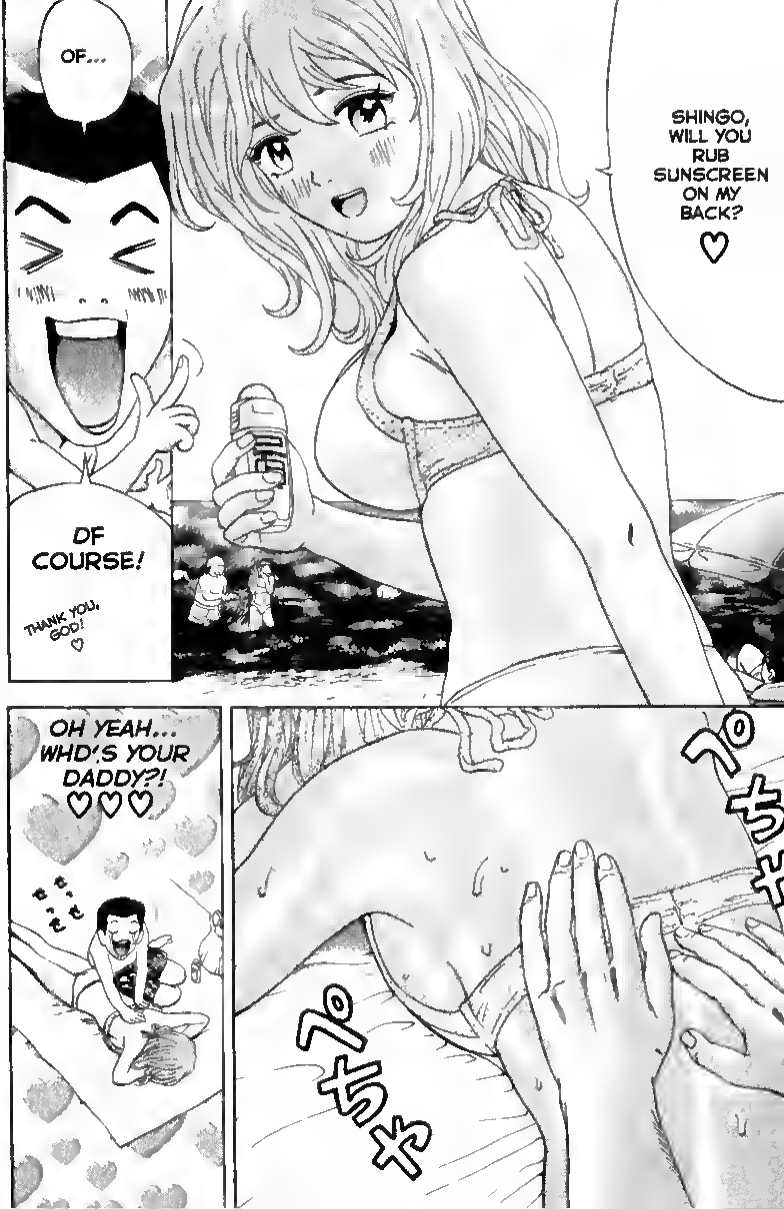
OF...
SHINGO, WILL YOU RUB SUNSCREEN ON MY BACK? ♡
OF COURSE!
THANK YOU, GOD! ♡
OH YEAH... WHO'S YOUR DADDY?! ♡♡♡
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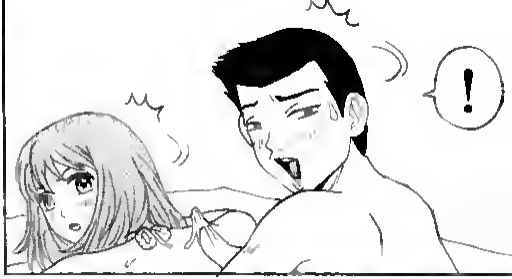
HUH?
I'M SORRY WE HAD TO STAY SO CLOSE TO THE CITY, SHINGO. IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD'VE GONE ABROAD.
HEY, WHEREVER WE ARE, AS LONG AS I'M WITH THOSE-- ♡
--I MEAN... WITH YOU, HONEY! ♡
LOOK AT THAT LIMP DICK... HE DOESN'T DESERVE A HOT PIECE LIKE THAT!
PEEP THAT RACK!
"WITH YOU?" DON'T YOU MEAN, "IF I CAN BE INSIDE YOU?" HAR HAR!
HEY THERE, SWEETMEAT... CAN WE BE INSIDE YOU, TOO?

HEH HEH...♡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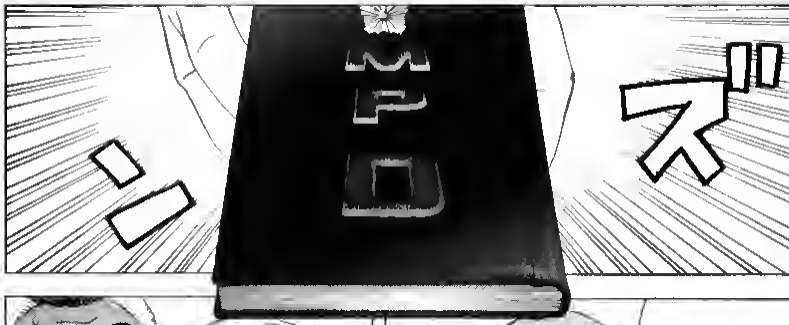
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...NOT CHICKS CAN'T BE PIGS!

ONE MORE WORD FROM YOU TWO, AND I'LL BUST YOU FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT!
HUH?! BUT...

UH, GOOD THING YOU STEPPED IN, HONEY.
OF ALL THE NERVE...
I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE THEM A SAVAGE PUMMEL-ING... HEH...

HIMURO SHOULD GET OUT OF THAT BASEMENT ONCE IN A WHILE. THAT WOULD SWEETEN UP THAT SOUR DEMEANOR OF HIS...
GOOD THING HIMURO MADE ME BRING MY BADGE.
OH...THAT BREEZE FEELS YUMMY! ♡
LOVING SOMEONE... CRYING FOR SOMEONE... IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOUR BODY TO REFUSE FEELINGS LIKE THAT...BUT NOT YOUR HEART.
WHAT IF YOU LOST EVERY SINGLE PERSON YOU EVER LOVED?
WHAT'S MORE... WHAT IF IT WAS YOUR OWN FAULT?
KURUMI...

KURUM!!
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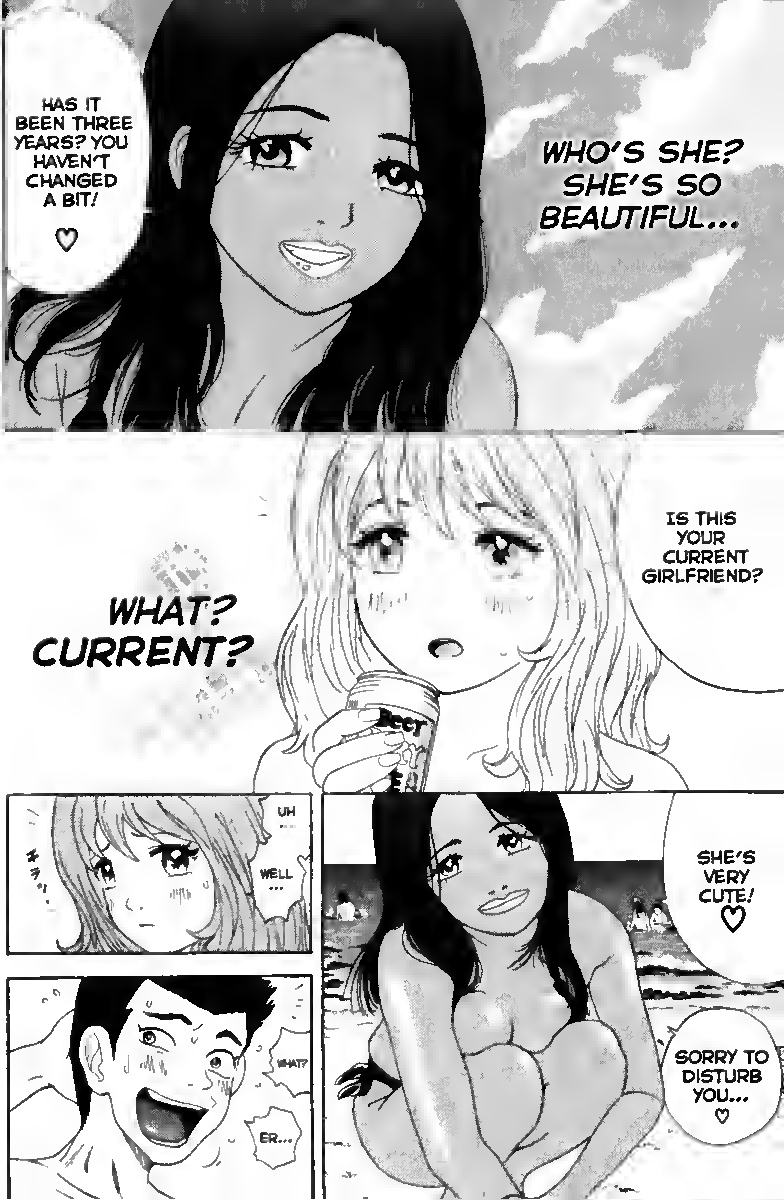
AAAAHH!!
IT'S COOOOLD!!
WANT ONE?
YEAH.
DO I?
PROBABLY BECAUSE HE'S CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATING ME!
YOU KNOW, YOU SURE TALK A LOT ABOUT OFFICER HIMURO...
I HOPE IT'S REALLY JUST THAT...
BUT...
WHAT...?
IS THAT ALL...?

IS THAT YOU, SHINGO?
SHINGO?
I KNEW IT WAS YOU! LONG TIME NO SEE! ♡
OH!
M-MA-YUMI!
WHO?


HAS IT BEEN THREE YEARS? YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT! ♡
WHO'S SHE? SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL...
IS THIS YOUR CURRENT GIRLFRIEND?
WHAT? CURRENT?
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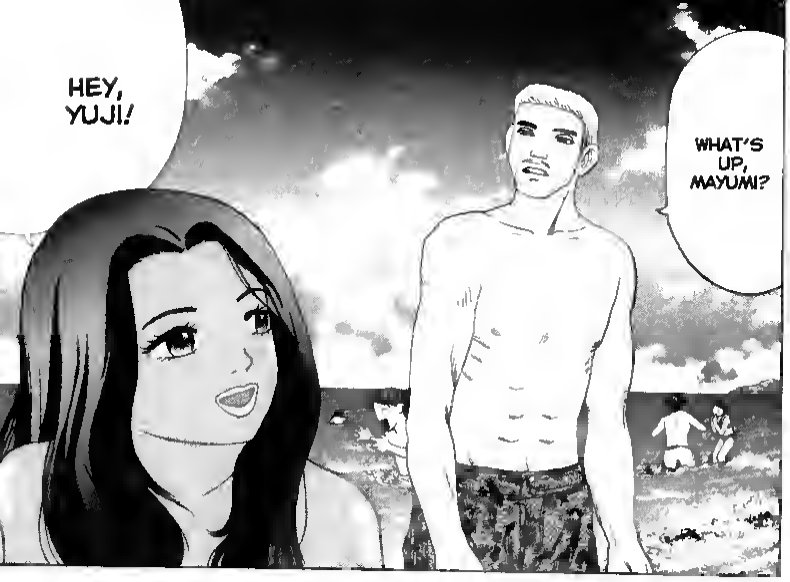
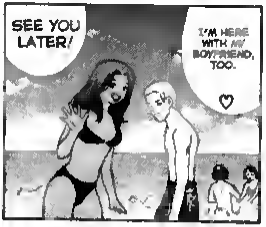
UH... WELL...
SHE'S VERY CUTE! ♡
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU... ♡
WHAT?
ER...


HEY, YUJI!
WHAT'S UP, MAYUMI?

THAT... MAYUMI GIRL... WHO IS SHE?
SHINGO... UM...


SEE YOU LATER!
I'M HERE WITH MY BOYFRIEND, TOO.
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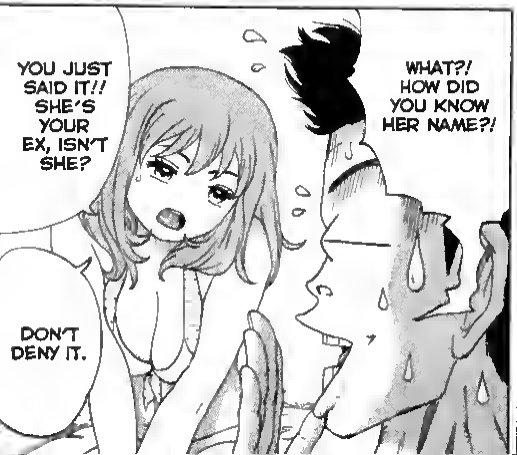
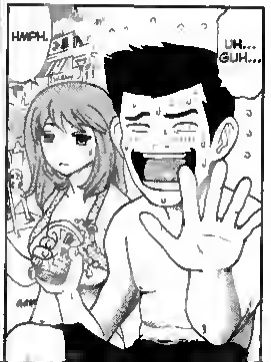
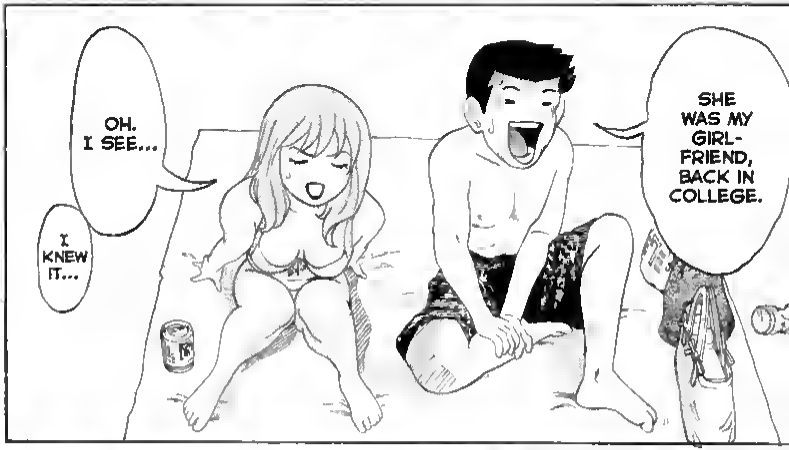

YOU JUST SAID IT!! SHE'S YOUR EX, ISN'T SHE?
WHAT?! HOW DID YOU KNOW HER NAME?!
DON'T DENY IT.


HMPH.
UH... GUH...

I WON'T BE MAD AT YOU!
BE HONEST!

HUH...? OH... WELL...

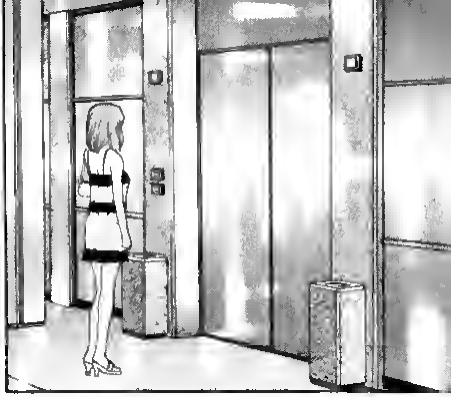

OH. I SEE...
I KNEW IT...
SHE WAS MY GIRL-FRIEND, BACK IN COLLEGE.

OKAAAY... I'LL GET RIGHT ON BURNING THAT OUT OF MY MEMORY...
OH, NEVER MIND.
BUT SHE LEFT ME SOON AFTER THE RASH, AND— OOP!
HEH HEH... ABOUT THAT LAST PART...

HUH?
MAYUMI!! ♡
WHERE ARE YOU? MAYUMI!
OH! HERE YOU ARE! ♡
WHAT?
WHO ARE YOU?
HEY! LEMME GO!!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
OH?
OHHHH...

AAHH!!
TSK! HOW DARE YOU HAVE THE SAME HAIRSTYLE?!
MY MAYUMI PRETTY-PRETTY ISN'T AN UGLY COW LIKE YOU!
HEY, SHINGO--THAT WEIRD GUY IS LOOKING FOR MAYUMI. COULD IT BE...?
N-NO WAY... SHE WAS WITH HER BOYFRIEND, SO...
BUT WHY WOULD THAT OTHER GUY BE LOOKING FOR HER?
WHERE ARE YOU, MAYUMI?
MAYUMI

THAT EX-GIRLFRIEND IS ABSOLUTELY DANGEROUS!!
WHATEVER. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, RIGHT?! HE MUST STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR HER...
OF COURSE! MR PARKING METER WAS DUMPED, RIGHT?
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YOU THINK?!
HIS NAME IS SHINGO!
BATH-ROOM?
I GOTTA GO TO THE BATHROOM, BUT SHINGO'S TAKING A SHOWER NOW, SO...
I'LL JUST USE THE ONE IN THE LOBBY, I GUESS.
UM... CAN I CALL YOU BACK?
WHAT'S UP?



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A STALKER

DAMN IT, MAYUMI! I TOLD YOU NOT TO RUN AWAY FROM ME!
♡
LEMME GO!!
STOP IT! YOU PERVERT!!
THE GUY FROM THE BEACH!!
COME BACK TO THE ROOM...
...AND I'LL LET YOU GO!!
OH...!!

HE'S SOME KIND OF CRAZED STALKER!
WHERE ARE YOU, MAYUMI?
TSK! WHY DOES SHE HAVE THE SAME HAIRSTYLE!
AS MAYUMI PRETTY SHIT AM I, UGLY COW!!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU...
OHH...
OOH...
OKAY?!
WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED, MAYUMI!
WE BELONG TOGETHER!
AH!
OH...
HELP!! THIS GUY IS CRAZY!!
!!

OH!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
THIS GUY IS A STALK-ER!!
NO...NO WAY!!
UNH!
PLEASE CALM DOWN.
IT'S JUST A QUARREL BETWEEN A HUSBAND AND WIFE/ MIND YER OWN BUSINESS!!
WHAT ooo WHAT DO Iooo
WHAT DO I DO?

P--
POLICE! STEP AWAY FROM HER!!
NOW!!
MPD
MPD
WHAT?
A COP?!

ARRGGGGGGH!!
YOU LITTLE SLUT!! I TOLD YOU NO MORE POLICE!!
N-NO! I DIDN'T CALL THE--
SHUT UP!!
HHH!!
I SAID, STEP AWAY WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR!!

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AGH!
CLICK

HEH... JUST HAPPEN TO BE HERE TOO, DAD?
NOW!
GET AWAY FROM HER, YOU BASTARD!
UGH...
WHAT...?
!!
LET MY DAUGHTER GO, NERIMA!!
IF YOU DON'T-- I'LL KILL YOU!!
DADDY!!

DAD...?
STALKER...?
WHAT AM I MISSING HERE?
?
KURUMI!!
HUH?

AAAH!
BOK
OUT OF MY WAY!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
?
UH
HUMPH!
JUST AN EX HUH?
SHINGO?!
SHINGO?

YUJI...! NERIMA SHOWED UP AGAIN!!
WHAT?!
MAYUMI!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
FATHER...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HUH ?
YU...
YU...
YU...

TOUCHING WHAT'S MINE. TAKING WHAT'S MINE.
BAD, BAD YUJI! VERY BAD!! MY PRETTY-PRETTY! NOT YOURS!!
ALWAYS AROUND... AROUND MY MAYUMI. MINE!!
YUJI... YOU... AGAIN.
DADDY ALWAYS AROUND. DADDY WANTS MY PRETTY-PRETTY, TOO!
ALWAYS THERE...
WHOSE LOVE IS REAL? ONLY ONE LOVE! MY LOVE! I'LL TEACH YOU THAT...
OH YES... ♡
TEACH YOU GOOD!!

!
WELL, HE RAN OFF. ARE YOU HURT, MAYUMI? ♡
MAYUMI...
IT'S OKAY... C'MON, MAYUMI...
THIS IS TOO MUCH!
WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?! I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU ANYMORE!

OF COURSE! MR. PARKING METER WAS DUMPED, RIGHT...?
HE MUST STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR HER...
WHATEVER. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, RIGHT?!
!
MAYUMI!!
WHAT?
Y-YES?
OW!
BOK
はっ!

WE DIDN'T REALLY GET TO MEET BEFORE. MY NAME IS KURUMI AYAKI. I REALLY AM A COP. ♡
DON'T WORRY, MAYUMI. ♡
SO LONG AS WE'RE HERE TOGETHER, YOU CAN LEAVE THIS STALKER TO ME!!
UH...

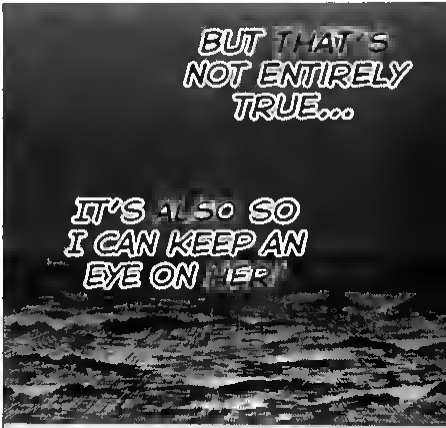
WHAT?
DRIP
OH, THANK YOU, KURUMI!
OH...
YOU REALLY LOOKED LIKE A COP!
YEP!
SHE'S... BEAUTIFUL...!
I'M BEAT!
1010
KURUMI... YOU WERE SO COOL!
PERHAPS BECAUSE...
...I AM A COP?

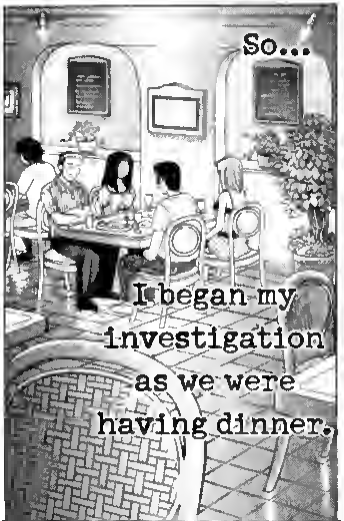
BECAUSE...?
?

IT'S MY JOB, SHINGO.

--UH, I MEAN, MISS KUDO?
OH, UH... RIGHT. HA HA!
BUT ARE YOU REALLY GONNA PROTECT MAYU--
YES... BECAUSE...

Viva Pasta


BUT THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE...
IT'S ALSO SO I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HER


So...
I began my investigation as we were having dinner.

SHINGO... LET'S ALL GO OUT TO EAT! ♡
ALL RIGHT...

SHINGO!!
WELL...A LONG TIME AGO...I CAME HERE AND...
BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST HAD THIS RESTAURANT'S CALAMARI PASTA! ♡
WELL!
WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE?
THERE'S NO REASON TO ACT SUSPICIOUS AND HIDE THINGS LIKE THAT.
AW, SHIT...

SHINGO AND I MET AT THIS HOTEL. WE WERE BOTH WORKING HERE DURING SUMMER VACATION...
I DO.
D'OH
YOU DON'T MIND IT EITHER, RIGHT? ♡
ER... HEH. THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S COOL!
HEH! LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS HERE, SO...
DON'T MIND ME. I DON'T HAVE ANY HANG-UPS ABOUT HER PAST.
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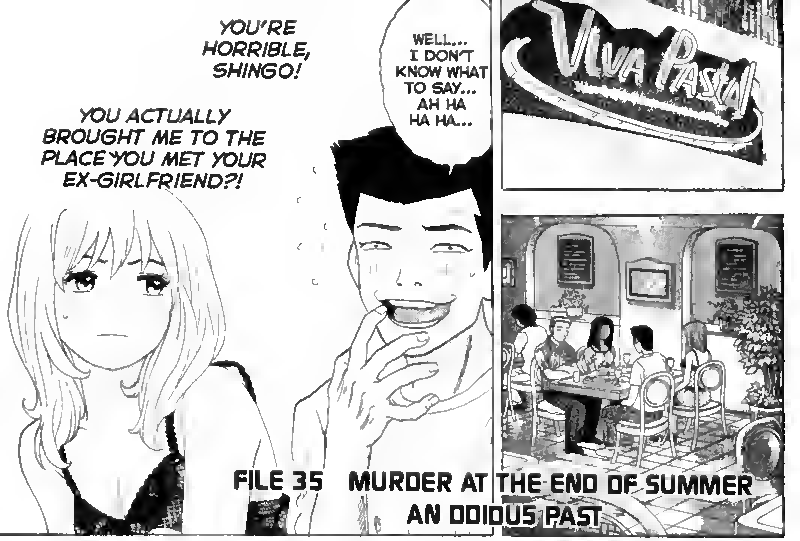
YOU'RE HORRIBLE, SHINGO!
YOU ACTUALLY BROUGHT ME TO THE PLACE YOU MET YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND?!
WELL... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY... AH HA HA HA...
VIVA PASTA!

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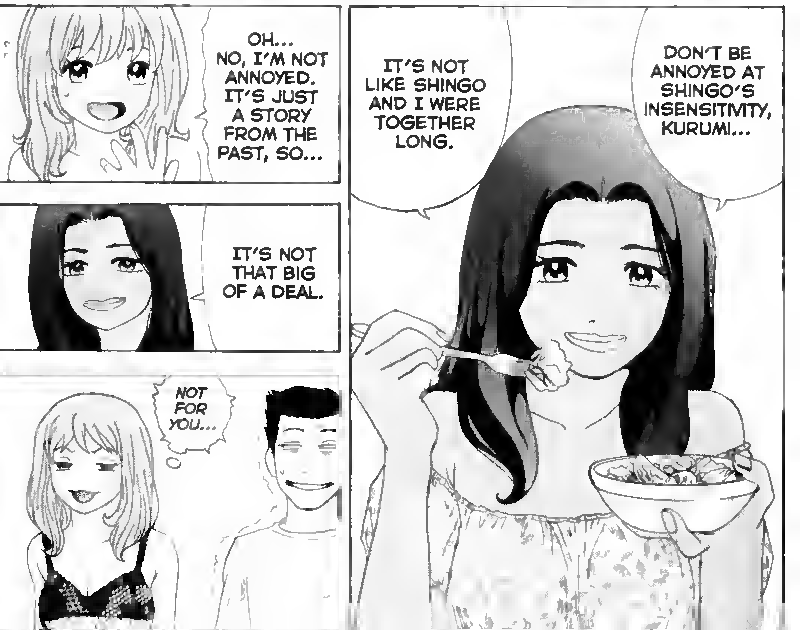
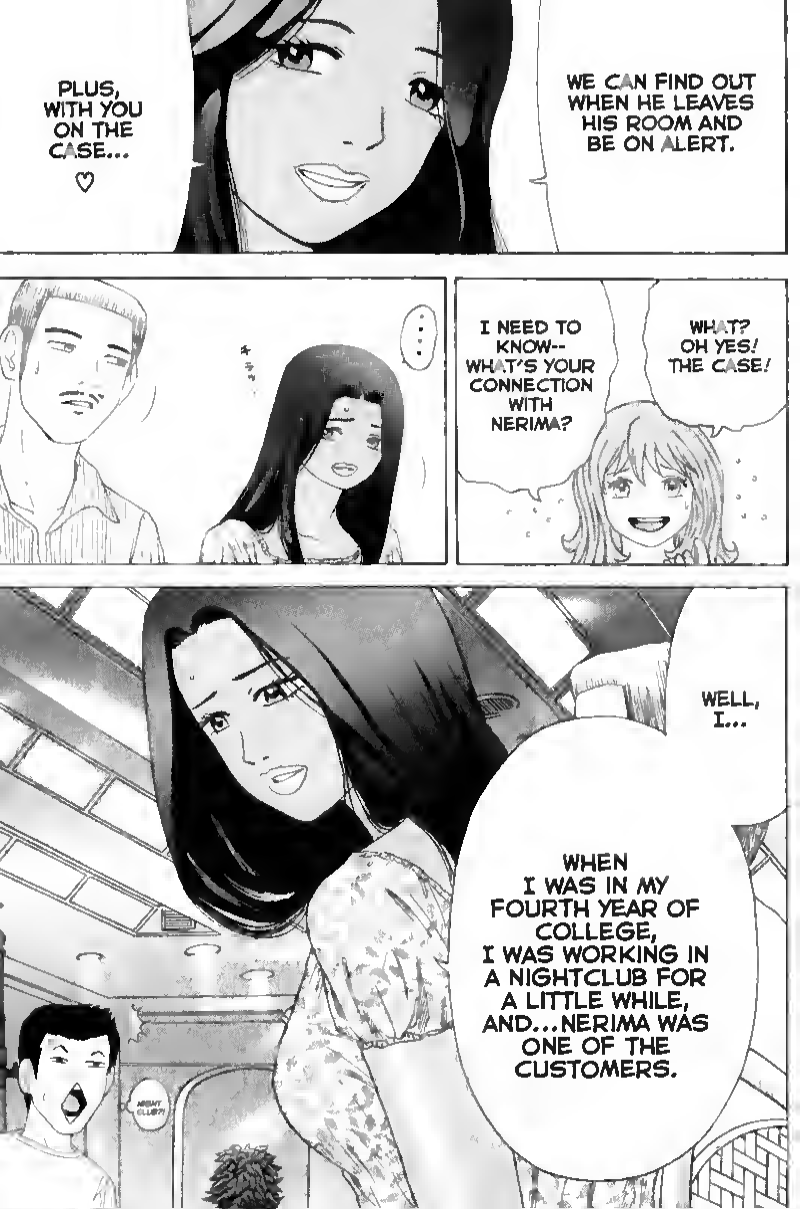
AN ODIOUS PAST


OH... NO, I'M NOT ANNOYED. IT'S JUST A STORY FROM THE PAST, SO...
IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL.
NOT FOR YOU...
IT'S NOT LIKE SHINGO AND I WERE TOGETHER LONG.
DON'T BE ANNOYED AT SHINGO'S INSENSITIVITY, KURUMI...

BY THE WAY, I JUST ASKED THE MANAGER OF THE HOTEL...
...TO FIND OUT WHICH ROOM NERIMA'S IN.
I ASKED THEM TO KEEP TABS ON HIM TO AVOID ANY MORE CONFRONTATIONS.
NO, THIS HOTEL HAS A COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT RECORDS WHEN THE DOORS ARE OPENED AND CLOSED.
WHAT? YOU HAVE SOMEONE STANDING AT HIS DOOR?
HOPEFULLY THEY'LL KEEP HIM AWAY FROM US!
SHUTTING UP.
I DIDN'T ASK YOU.


WE CAN FIND OUT WHEN HE LEAVES HIS ROOM AND BE ON ALERT.
PLUS, WITH YOU ON THE CASE...
♡
WHAT? OH YES! THE CASE!
I NEED TO KNOW-- WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION WITH NERIMA?
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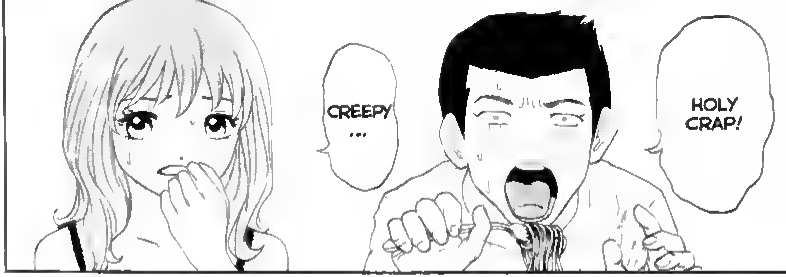
WELL, I...
WHEN I WAS IN MY FOURTH YEAR OF COLLEGE, I WAS WORKING IN A NIGHTCLUB FOR A LITTLE WHILE, AND...NERIMA WAS ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS.
MIGHT CLUB?!

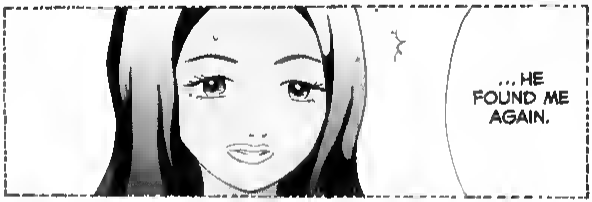
...LETS IN A CREEP LIKE THAT?!
WHAT KIND OF NIGHT-CLUB...
WHAT? BISHITOMO IS A BIG COMPANY, ISN'T IT?
HI, NERIMA.
OH!
HI!♡
HE WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT. AT FIRST, HE SEEMED QUITE NORMAL.
HE HAD A GOOD JOB, WORKING IN HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE BISHITOMO PRODUCE COMPANY.
AT THE TIME, HE SEEMED LIKE A NICE GUY...BUT THEN HE BECAME MORE AND MORE PERSISTENT.
HE'D LIE IN WAIT FOR ME IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE EVERY DAY...SO I GOT SCARED AND STARTED TO IGNORE HIS CALLS...
YES. SO, I TRUSTED HIM. HE EVEN GAVE ME ADVICE ABOUT MY FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS.
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE...♡

I'M TELLING YOU MY CONNECTIONS CAN GET YOU A JOB AT BISHITOMO!
HEY, MAYUMI!! WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP THE PHONE?!

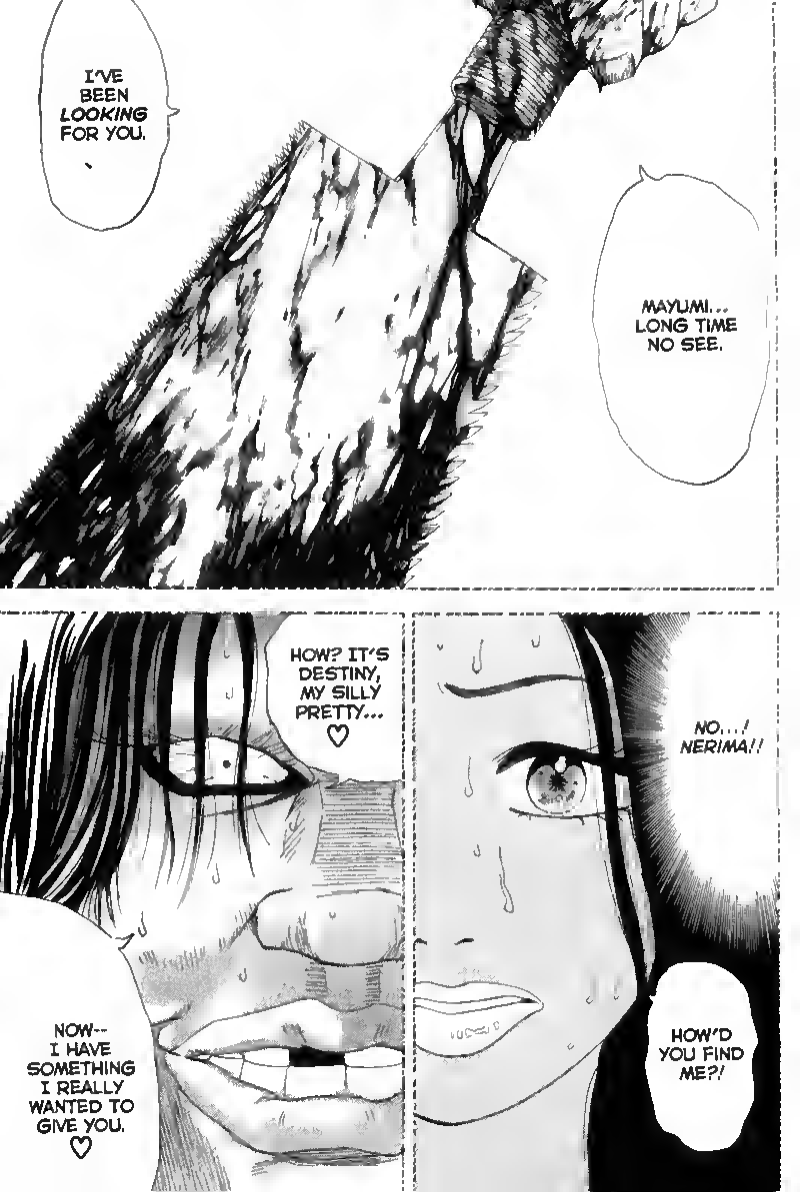
I WENT TO WORK FOR A SMALL TRADING COMPANY...
Don't you ignore me and make me lose face!!
BIRD

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE FOUND IT, BUT HE TRANSFERRED TO MY COMPANY!!
...BUT...
MAYUMI?





I QUIT THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY AND MOVED OUT OF MY APARTMENT, BUT...


I'VE BEEN *LOOKING* FOR YOU.
MAYUMI... LONG TIME NO SEE.
HOW? IT'S DESTINY, MY SILLY PRETTY... ♡
NO...! NERIMA!!
NOW-- I HAVE SOMETHING I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE YOU. ♡
HOW'D YOU FIND ME?!

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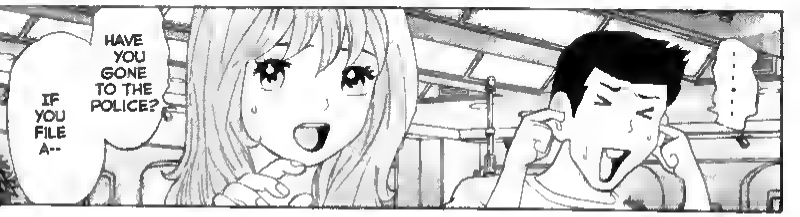
LOOK AT THEM... THEY'D FLY AT YOU EVERY MORNING WHEN YOU'D TAKE THE TRASH OUT, RIGHT?
I'LL DELIVER THEM TO YOU EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON...
FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER... ♡

I MOVED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO ESCAPE HIM, BUT...HE ALWAYS FOUND ME!
NOOOOO!!
NO...


IF YOU FILE A--
HAVE YOU GONE TO THE POLICE?
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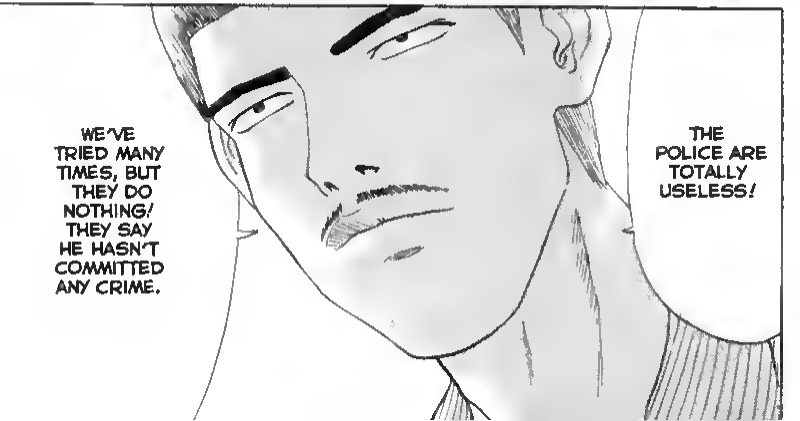
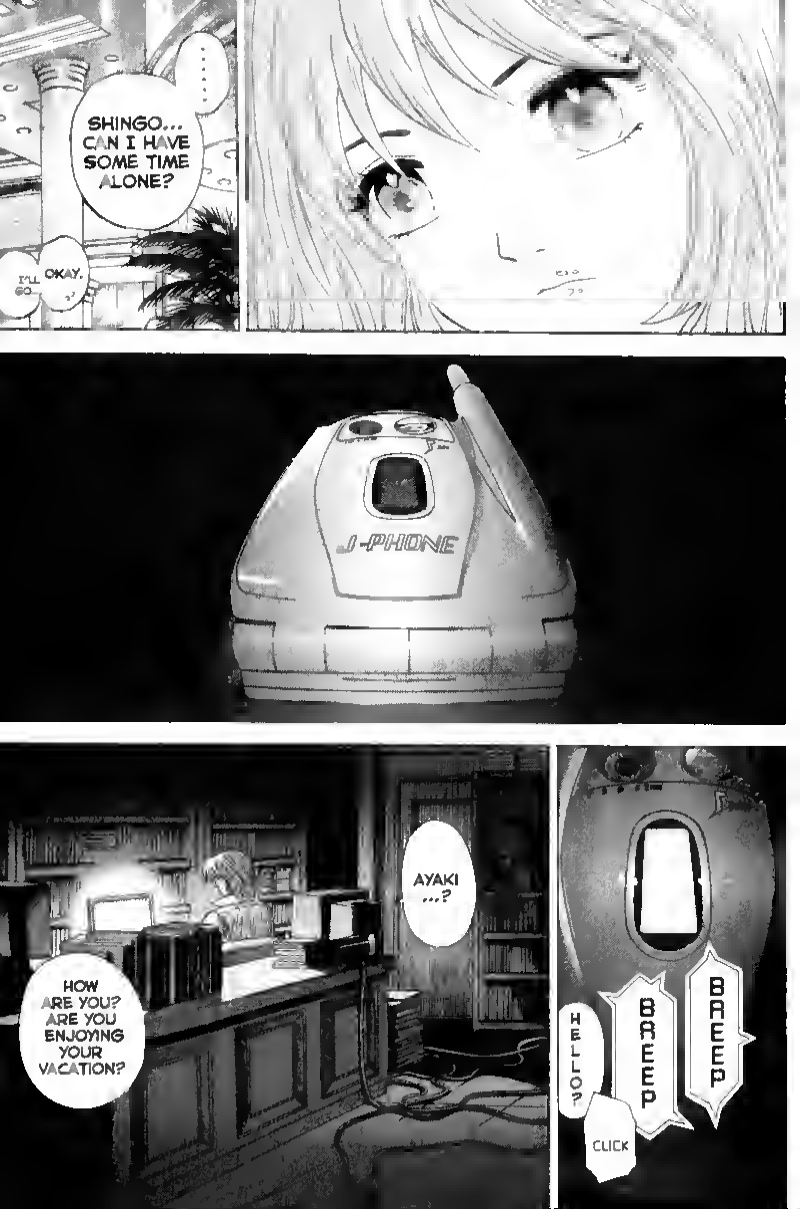

WE'VE TRIED MANY TIMES, BUT THEY DO NOTHING! THEY SAY HE HASN'T COMMITTED ANY CRIME.
THE POLICE ARE TOTALLY USELESS!

I WAS ESPECIALLY ANNOYED WHEN THAT ONE ASSHOLE-- CHIKUMAGAWA, I THINK-- SAID...
SO ONE OF YOUR FORMER NIGHTCLUB CUSTOMERS IS STALKING YOU...

OH...
DH!
LOOK AT THAT SWEET, SWEET PANTY...!!
!

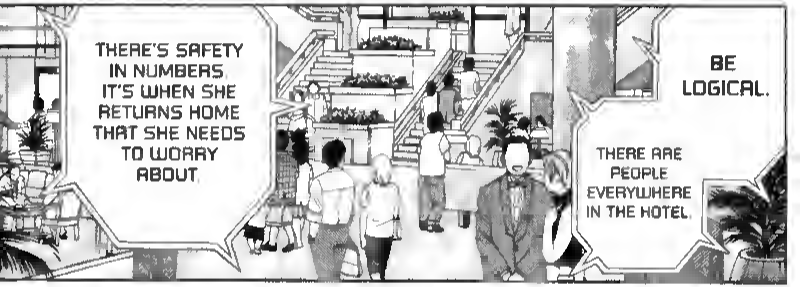
...YOU ASKED FOR IT. WHAT DID YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN, SELLING YOUR COMPANY TO A BUNCH OF LONELY DRUNKS?
ER, UM... APPEARS TO ME...
HEH-HEH.
SOUNDS JUST LIKE THAT CHAUVINISTIC PIG!
CHIKUMAGAWA! THAT LITTLE CREEP!
STRIPPERS?!
HEY, CHIKUMAGAWA! HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA BE THERE?
THIS IS AN OFFICE--NOT A CABARET CLUB!
OGLE THE STRIPPERS ON YOUR OWN TIME!!
UH... Y-YES...
...YOU TRULY ARE THE KING OF IDIOTS!
OTAGURO...

MAYUMI... I AM SO SORRY!
THEY ARE FROM MY DIVISION, AND...
THEN SCREW IT!!
WHAT?!
THIS DINNER WENT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT
WELL...
THERE'S NO USE ASKING HER FOR HELP!
I'D NEVER HAVE COME IF I KNEW SHE WORKED WITH THOSE BASTARDS!
LET'S GO, MAYUMI!!


SHINGO... CAN I HAVE SOME TIME ALONE?
I'LL GO.
OKAY.
J-PHONE
HOW ARE YOU? ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR VACATION?
AYAKI ...?
BEEP
BEEP
HELLO?
CLICK

I SEE.
...
DON'T GET IN-VOLVED.
WHAT?
AREN'T YOU ON VACATION?
BESIDES, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO THIS
I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HER!!
BUT I CAN'T JUST...
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
I'M OUT OF IDEAS.

FORGET ABOUT YOUR VACATION AND PLAY BABYSITTER FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS?
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?


THERE'S SAFETY IN NUMBERS. IT'S WHEN SHE RETURNS HOME THAT SHE NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT.
BE LOGICAL.
THERE ARE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE HOTEL.

NOW GET SOME REST.
THAT'S AN ORDER. THIS IS
O-OKAY.

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KURUMI ...?
OH, NO! WHY AM ACTING LIKE THIS?! WHY AM I SO FLUSTERED...?!
YOU TOOK YOUR SHOWER ALREADY?!
OH ...!
UH... YEAH.
WHAT?

I ONLY CHOSE THIS HOTEL BECAUSE I USED TO WORK HERE AND COULD GET A DISCOUNT.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW MAYUMI WAS HERE!
I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU!
I'M SORRY, KURUMI!!
I DO.
UH...
WHAT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SHINGO...
I WAS BEING SILLY. I'M NOT MAD ANYMORE.
REALLY? YOU MEAN IT?
...I WAS DOING SOMETHING BEHIND SHINGO'S BACK?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE...
WHY IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST...?
OH, KURUMI!
NOW LET'S FORGET ALL THIS AND GO DOWN TO THE BEACH.

WHAT IS THIS...? WHY AM I SUDDENLY SO UNEASY?
Click
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SHE'S MINE... *MINE!* NO ONE KEEPS ME FROM MY MAYUMI! KILL THEM! OH YES... KILL THEM *ALL!!*
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SHINGO'S DECISION

HE'S NEVER SPOKEN TO ME SO KINDLY...
THAT'S AN ORDER. THIS IS YOUR LAST VACATION FOR A WHILE. SO ENJOY.
NOW GET SOME REST.
EVEN STILL...
NO! STOP ACTING LIKE A SILLY, LOVESICK TEENAGE GIRL!
HE'S PROBABLY JUST SOFTENING ME UP SO HE CAN WORK ME EVEN HARDER LATER.
...HIMURO'S EMOTIONS ARE NOT AS DEAD AS HE PRETENDS?
IS IT POSSIBLE...

HEY, KURUMI!! WAIT FOR ME!
I WAS JUST ...
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T HEAR A WORD I SAID?
I WAS TRYING TO CATCH UP, BUT IT WAS LIKE YOU DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ME CALLING YOU...
OH... SORRY.
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT?
I WAS JUST SAYING THAT WITH MY SEVERANCE PAY, WE COULD GET MARRIED EVEN SOONER!
WHAT?
SEVERANCE PAY?!

I TOLD YOU, I'M GONNA QUIT AND BECOME A FREELANCE WRITER FOR A WEEKLY MAGAZINE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! YOU'RE QUITTING YOUR JOB?!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A JOB IN THE MEDIA. LIKE A JOURNALIST, CHECKING OUT CRIME SCENES AND WRITING ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW?
I CREATED A MAGAZINE IN COLLEGE
WELL, YEAH... BUT I CAN GET A RAISE FOR DOING GOOD WORK, UNLIKE MY CURRENT JOB AS A CAR DEALER!
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A REGULAR EMPLOYEE, TOO!
FREELANCE...? DO YOU MEAN FREELANCE LIKE "NOT A REAL EMPLOYEE," FREELANCE?!
IT'LL BE GREAT!
I CAN SEE IT NOW!
THREE WEEKS FROM NOW...
AND WITH THE SEVERANCE PACKAGE, WE CAN GET MARRIED EVEN SOONER! IT'S PERFECT!
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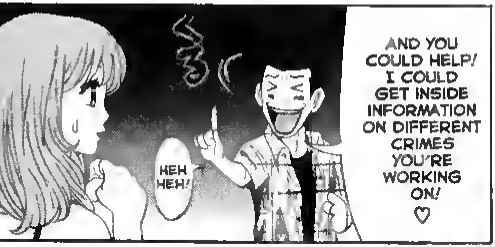
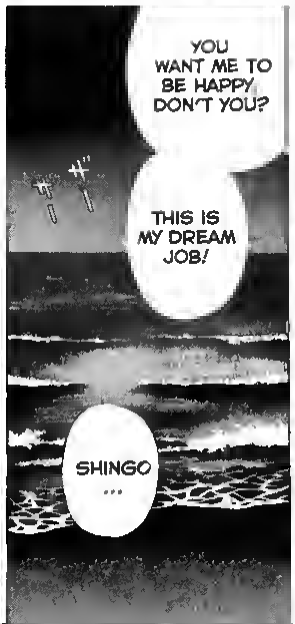
WHAT?
THAT'S SO SELF-ISH!!
YOU MADE SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION WITHOUT ASKING ME?!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STEADY JOB...
...I CAN'T QUIT MY JOB! WHAT ABOUT ME STAYING HOME AND RAISING OUR CHILDREN?!
WELL...
UH... ABOUT THAT...

WHAT?!
I MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO QUIT YOUR JOB, RIGHT?!
BUT IT'S BEEN MY DREAM TO STAY HOME AND RAISE A FAMILY!
YEAH... BUT...
WELL, THINGS HAVE BEEN A LOT BETTER AT WORK LATELY, RIGHT? ♡
I MEAN, YOU LOOK A LOT HAPPIER. AND THIS IS A REALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ME.

!!
I...
LOOK...
...HAPPIER?!


HEH HEH!
AND YOU COULD HELP! I COULD GET INSIDE INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT CRIMES YOU'RE WORKING ON! ♡

AW, COME ON, BUTTERCUP! AT MY INTERVIEW I KINDA MENTIONED I HAD A CONNECTION WITH A COP! ♡
YOU SELFISH JERK!!
YOU KNOW I CAN'T LEAK OFFICIAL INFORMATION TO THE PRESS!
HA HA HA HA! ♡
YOU LITTLE ...!


YOU WANT ME TO BE HAPPY, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS MY DREAM JOB!
SHINGO ...

STOP IT!!
DAD...!
PLEASE!!
!!
NOOOOOO!!

I'M GOING TO KILL THIS BASTARD... RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!
DO IT OLD MAN!! YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS!!
!
GOOD LORD!!

!!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HE HAS TO BE STOPPED! I WON'T LET HIM HURT YOU!
STOP IT! THAT'S ENOUGH!!
F-FATHER, PLEASE-- STOP IT! THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR THIS...!

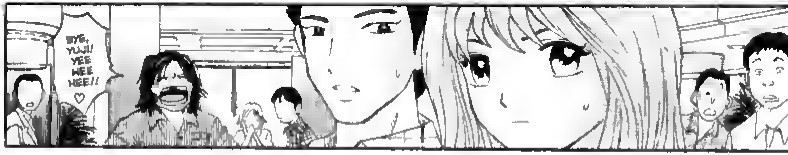
YOU CAN'T KEEP ME FROM HER!! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME FROM WHAT'S MINE!!
AGH!
FREEZE!!
UGH!

ENOUGH! YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT!
KURUMI!
♡
MPD
YOU'RE A COP... YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU? THIS GUY WAS TRYING TO KILL ME... OOH YES...
♡
OOH!
OOOHHH!!
♡

SO I THREW THE ASHTRAY... IT'S SELF-DEFENSE, RIGHT? RIGHT?!
OH YES... YES, YES! ♡
!!
YEE HEE HEE HEE HEE !! ♡
PRETTY
NO!
STOP IT! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
WHY WON'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?!

YUJI--
WAIT!

ENOUGH OF THIS BULL-SHIT!!


BYE, YUJI! YEE HEE HEE!!

Medical Office

YOU KNOW, I...
WHEN... WHEN MAYUMI WAS YOUNG, I DROWNED MYSELF IN BOOZE.
I'D GET VIOLENT AND HIT HER SOMETIMES...
MY WIFE LEFT ME... AND WOULDN'T LET ME SEE MAYUMI. THAT JUST BECAME AN EXCUSE TO DRINK EVEN MORE.
SHE'S MY WORLD. I QUIT DRINKING SO I COULD BE A FATHER AGAIN.
WHEN I FOUND OUT SHE WAS BEING STALKED BY THAT SICK FREAK, I...
MAYUMI HATES ME... OF COURSE SHE DOES...

YOU'RE LUCKY NERIMA DIDN'T PRESS CHARGES-- OTHERWISE, YOU'D BE IN JAIL RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY LIFE...
EVEN IF I CAN NEVER BE HER FATHER AGAIN, I CAN AT LEAST GIVE HER THAT MUCH.
I JUST...
THE POLICE WON'T DO ANYTHING ...
I JUST WANT TO PROTECT MY DAUGHTER. I WANT HER TO BE SAFE...
WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?

I UNDERSTAND HOW HE FEELS.
THAT POOR MAN...
DON'T YOU AGREE?
At the time, I didn't know how to answer.
I couldn't shake the feeling that before this was over...
IF I WERE IN HIS SHOES, I'D BE TEMPTED TO TAKE THE LAW INTO MY HANDS, TOO!
HOW CAN THE POLICE ALLOW A WEIRDO LIKE THAT TO WALK THE STREETS?

...things were going to get...
...a lot worse!!

I DON'T WANNA SEE YOUR FACE EVER AGAIN!!
UNH!
YUJI!
LEMME GO!!

I'M THROUGH WITH THIS INSANITY, MAYUMI!
YOU UNDERSTAND?! THROUGH!!
?!
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PLEASE...! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE! ESPECIALLY NOT NOW!!
DO US BOTH A FUCKING FAVOR AND GET LOST!
I'VE HAD IT! EVERYWHERE WE GO, WE'VE GOT YOUR FATHER AND THAT FUCKING FREAK-JOB FOLLOWING US!
YUJI, PLEASE! WE CAME HERE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME! WE CAN STILL--
FILE 37 MURDER AT THE END OF SUMMER
SLEEPLESS NIGHT

COME BACK TO THE ROOM, YUJI-- PLEASE...! WAIT...!
WHAT'S THE POINT? YOU'VE BEEN TOO STRESSED OUT FOR ANYTHING TO HAPPEN BETWEEN US, ANYWAY!
It didn't take long for my prediction to come true.
KURUMI!!
OH...
YUJI ...!
THE COP?
UM. WE WERE JUST..
PLEASE TALK TO HIM, KURUMI! HE'S GOING TO LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHOOPS...

DON'T GO TELLING OUR BUSINESS TO THAT FUCKING COP! I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER AND GO TO BED!
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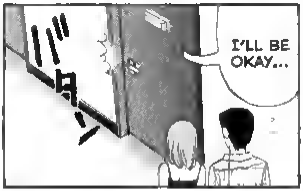
!!
Y- YUJI!!
YUJI! PLEASE!
WAIT...! OPEN THE DOOR! PLEASE!!
I'LL TALK TO MY FATHER AGAIN! TELL HIM NOT TO FOLLOW ME AROUND ANYMORE!
UM... MAYUMI ...?
. . . .

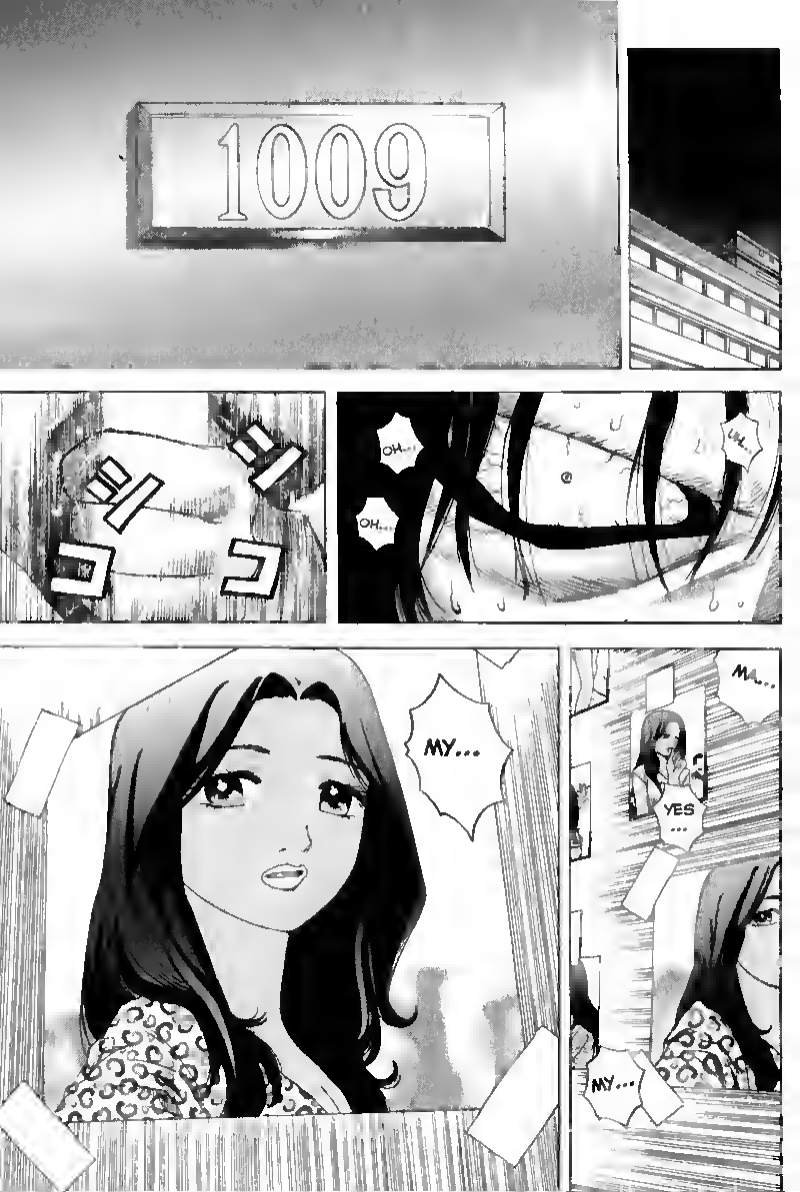
WHAAAT?!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN STAY WITH US TONIGHT, IF YOU'D LIKE.
SHINGO CAN SLEEP ON THE COUCH. .

Shingo's Plan for the First Night
BUT... BUT...
BE GENTLE


I'LL BE OKAY...

HOT LOVIN', BACK ON!
ME, TOO.
I HOPE SO.
WOO HOO!
BE GENTLE
...
SHH!

BUT THIS ISN'T THE FIRST FIGHT YUJI AND I HAVE HAD.
THAT'S VERY KIND.
THANK YOU.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OH...
OH...
UH...
MY...
MA...
YES ...
MY...

MAYUMI!!

AT LAST ...
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HUH
...SHINGO'S THROBBING THRILL HAMMER!!
THE TIME HAS COME!!
NOW.. IT'S HAMMER TIME!
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FINALLY, KURUMI WILL KNOW THE POWER OF...
ガチャ...
KURUMI ...

I'M SORRY, SHINGO... BUT I JUST CAN'T TONIGHT!
SHINGO...
AH ...
AHH ...
MAYUMI ...
GOD-DAMMIT
1008
WE WERE ALL HAPPY ONCE... LONG AGO...
JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER ...

1010
10:30
CLICK
GLARE
I'LL MAKE US HAPPY AGAIN!
I WILL!!
GEE, I WONDER WHY THAT IS?
TIRED OF BEING THE ONE RECEIVING THE SHAFT INSTEAD OF GIVIN' IT ...
WHY IS SHE SNUBBING ME? IS... IS IT BECAUSE OF MAYUMI?!
OH, MAYBE 'CUZ MY BALLS ARE BLUER THAN A SMURF'S?!
CAN'T SLEEP...

KNOCK
KNOCK
1010
KNOCK
CLICK
1010
KURUMI ...! YOU'VE BEEN AWAKE?
W-WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU HEARD A KNOCK, DIDN'T YOU...?
WHO IS IT? IT'S LATE ...
OH... YES.
WHAT?!
WHO?!

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I'M SORRY... I KNOW IT'S LATE...BUT I'M SCARED AND I DON'T THINK I CAN SLEEP ALONE. DOES YOUR OFFER STILL STAND?
NOT AT ALL! SHINGO AND I WERE AWAKE ANYWAY...
I'M SORRY IF I WOKE YOU...
OF COURSE! COME IN! ♡
CRAP! MAYUMI!
...I'LL GO TO GET SOME BEER.
THEN...
HOW 'BOUT A DRINK TO RELAX? ♡
OH, THAT WOULD BE GREAT! THANKS! ♡
MISUZU!
DON'T BE SILLY! IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL...
I DON'T MEAN TO BE A BOTHER...
KURUMI! NOOO!!

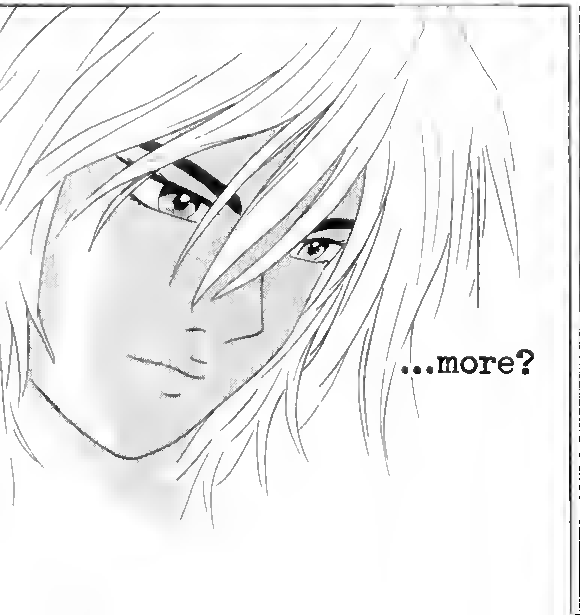
ガチャ…
1010
NORMALLY I'D LOVE THE IDEA OF TWO HOT, DRUNK CHICKS IN MY ROOM, BUT...
...WHO KNOWS WHAT DETAILS MAYUMI'LL SPILL ONCE SHE'S LIQUORED UP!
ESPECIALLY THAT ONE TIME...
バタン…
DAMN...
…

...we drowned the events of the day in cheap beer and conversation.
So, for the next several hours...
The topic was, of course...
... Shingo.
Shingo was so nervous about me hearing about his past. He was cute, like a little child...
But Mayumi knew things about him that even I didn't, and, well, I have to admit...
...I was a little envious.

THANKS SO MUCH.
GOOD NIGHT...
BEAT IT!
YEAH.
YOU CAN STAY UNTIL THE MORNING. WE DON'T MIND...
THANKS, BUT I'M A LITTLE BUZZED...SO I THINK I CAN SLEEP NOW.
WHA...?!
BYE-BYE, SEX...
OOOH! THE NERVE!
IF I KNEW YOU WERE SO KIND, I WOULDN'T HAVE BROKEN UP WITH YOU, SHINGO...
♡

KURUMI...? AREN'T YOU GONNA SLEEP?
YOU'RE NOT STILL UPSET OVER WHAT MAYUMI SAID, ARE YOU?
YOU KNOW I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU.
KURUMI ...? YOU LISTENING ...?
HUH? OH... YES.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SHINGO.
WE'LL WAIT UNTIL WE GET MARRIED, LIKE WE PROMISED. ♡
AND I WON'T PRESSURE YOU ANYMORE.

WHAT?
...I was thinking of Himuro a ain.
But was it because of the situation I was in...
As much as I hated to admit it...


...more?

...or was it something ...

...while
we were
having our
drinks.

I found Nerima
murdered the
next morning.
It had happened
sometime during
the night...

WHAT?!
HE'S... HE'S DEAD!!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
NERIMA WAS...
...MURDERED?!
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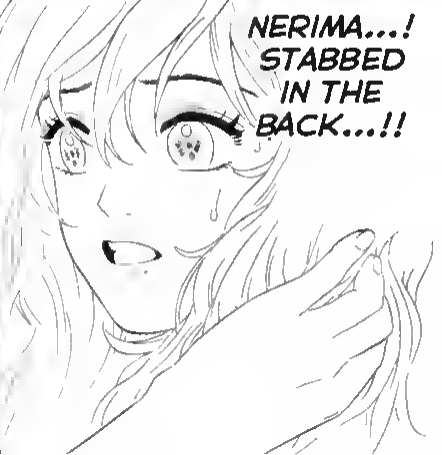
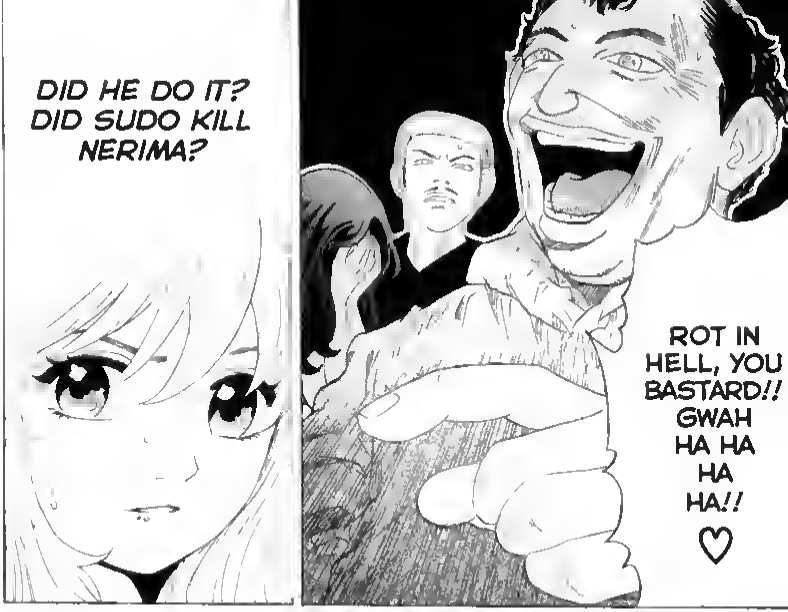
THE SUSPECT IS...?!

YET NO ONE EVEN HEARD A STRUGGLE?


NERIMA...! STABBED IN THE BACK...!!

My relaxing vacation was definitely over.
EEEyAAAAHHHH!!
MAYUMI!!
KURUMI!! W-WHAT HAPPENED?!

HE HAD IT COMING!! THAT SICK FREAK WILL NEVER TROUBLE YOU AGAIN, MAYUMI!!
GWAH HA HA HA HA!! HE'S DEAD!!
SUDO...
!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY LIFE...
I JUST WANT TO PROTECT MY DAUGHTER.
!!
DAD!!


DID HE DO IT? DID SUDO KILL NERIMA?
ROT IN HELL, YOU BASTARD!! GWAH HA HA HA HA!!

SO WE ESTIMATE THE CRIME HAD TO OCCUR SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 11:00 P.M. TO 12:15 A.M., RIGHT?
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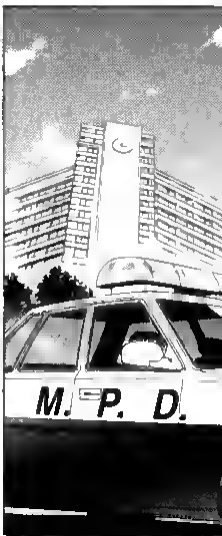
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YES. THIS HOTEL HAS A COMPUTER SYSTEM AT THE FRONT DESK...

...NERIMA'S DOOR OPENED ONLY TWICE--AT 11:00 P.M. AND 12:15 A.M.
...THAT RECORDS EVERY TIME THE ROOM'S DOORS OPEN. LAST NIGHT, UNTIL THIS MORNING...
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Ping
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Ping
PM11:00
AM12:15
THE KILLER MUST HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIM'S ROOM AT 11:00...

...AND MURDERED KAZUSHIGE NERIMA. HE THEN EXITED THE ROOM AT 12:15.

...ASSISTANT INSPECTOR CHIKUMAGAWA!!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU HAVE...
HM?
Vic
zushige
Nerima
THE VICTIM... I SWEAR I'VE HEARD HIS NAME SOME-WHERE BEFORE...
HM?
HUH? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
DAMMIT! MUST KIMURO BE INVOLVED IN EVERY CRIME IN THIS PRECINCT?!
NOT THIS TIME.
I'M STAYING HERE ON MY VACATION. I WAS FIRST ON THE SCENE...
OH!! OFFICER AYAKI!!

HUH?
OF ALL THE--! NOW JUST A DAMN MINUTE, CHIKUMAGAWA!
THEN GO BACK TO THE BEACH AND LET REAL COPS DO THEIR JOBS, HM?
AND TRUE TO YOUR LAZY, MALE CHAUVINISTIC FORM, YOU REFUSED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, A MAN IS DEAD!
YOU RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM MAYUMI KUDO ABOUT A STALKER NUMEROUS TIMES, CORRECT?!
WAIT!! AYAKI ...
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
ER... I... HOW DID...
MAYUMI KUDO TOLD ME.
WE WERE HAVING DINNER, AND--
REALLY?

...BRING HER TO ME.
OH!
OF COURSE
Office
OF COURSE I DON'T! I WAS WITH KURUMI LAST NIGHT.
I...I WAS ALONE IN OUR ROOM NEXT DOOR.
SO... YOU SAY THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...?

!
WE GOT INTO A FIGHT... BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED OF NERIMA!
ALONE ...? WHY?
WELL, I...
I'M SORRY I KNOW IT'S LATE, BUT...
ACHA
WHAT A JERK.
HEH. SISSY BOY
AHEM...
SO LET ME SEE IF I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT...
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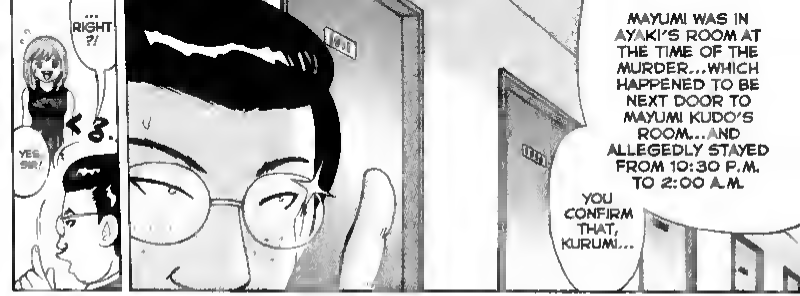
!
MAYUMI CAME TO OUR ROOM...
...AT ABOUT 10:30.


...RIGHT?!
YES, SIR!
MAYUMI WAS IN AYAKI'S ROOM AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER...WHICH HAPPENED TO BE NEXT DOOR TO MAYUMI KUDO'S ROOM...AND ALLEGEDLY STAYED FROM 10:30 P.M. TO 2:00 A.M.
YOU CONFIRM THAT, KURUMI...

CORRECT?!
RIGHT!
THE COMPUTER'S RECORDS SHOW THAT HIS ROOM'S DOOR WAS OPEN ONLY ONCE AT 9:35 P.M.
ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF AYAKI AND KUDO, YUJI ASAOKA WENT TO HIS ROOM AT AROUND 9:30 P.M.
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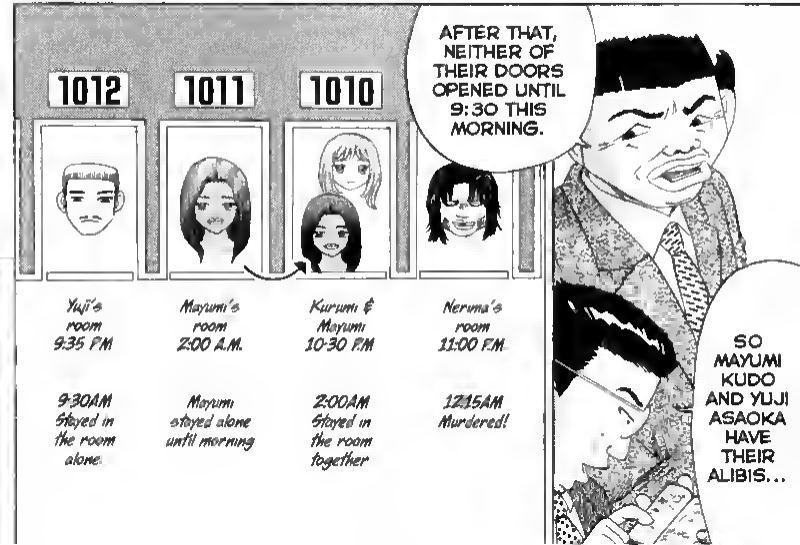
1012
1011
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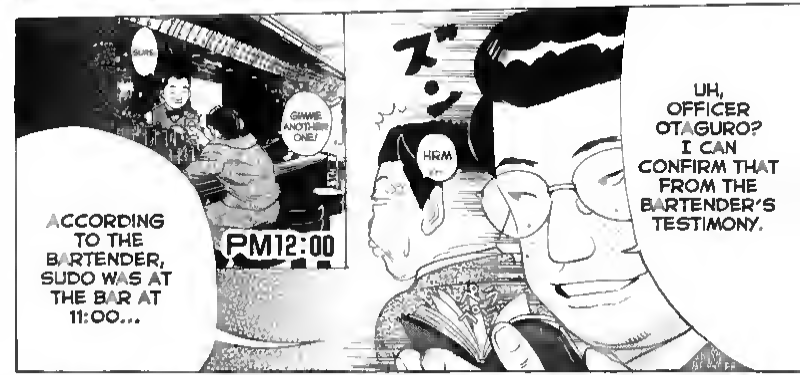
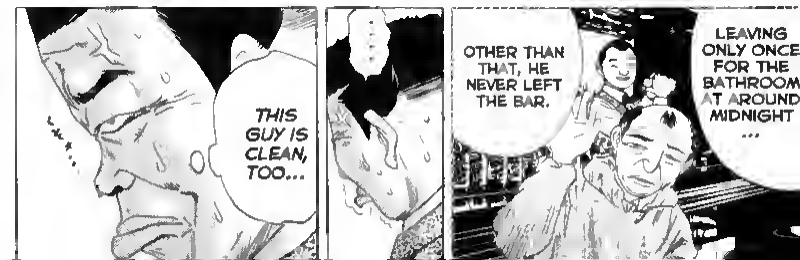
AFTER THAT, NEITHER OF THEIR DOORS OPENED UNTIL 9:30 THIS MORNING.
Yuji's room 9:35 P.M
Mayumi's room 2:00 A.M.
Kurumi & Mayumi 10-30 P.M
Nerima's room 11:00 P.M.
9:30AM Stayed in the room alone.
Mayumi stayed alone until morning
2:00AM Stayed in the room together
12:15AM Murdered!
SO MAYUMI KUDO AND YUJI ASAOKA HAVE THEIR ALIBIS...

1011
1012
PM9:30
YUJI WENT IN ROOM #1012 AND DIDN'T COME OUT UNTIL 9:30 IN THE MORNING!
DON'T GO TELLING OUR BUSINESS TO THAT FUCKING COP! I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER AND GO TO BED!
PM9:35
MAYUMI WAS WITH ME, AND I SAW YUJI GOING IN HIS ROOM, SO...
I CONFIRM THEIR ALIBIS.
THAT LEAVES...
...THEY HAVE SOLID ALIBIS.
GREAT... I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUSPECTS, BUT...
...MR. SUDO!
WHERE WERE YOU BETWEEN 11 AND 12:15?

I WAS DRINKING AT THE BAR ON THE SECOND FLOOR... I THINK I WAS THERE FROM 11:00 'TIL AROUND 1:30...
WERE YOU NOW ...?
CAN YOU PROVE THAT?


UH, OFFICER OTAGURO? I CAN CONFIRM THAT FROM THE BARTENDER'S TESTIMONY.
HRM...
ACCORDING TO THE BARTENDER, SUDO WAS AT THE BAR AT 11:00...
PM12:00
SURE.
GIMME ANOTHER ONE!


LEAVING ONLY ONCE FOR THE BATHROOM AT AROUND MIDNIGHT ...
OTHER THAN THAT, HE NEVER LEFT THE BAR.
THIS GUY IS CLEAN, TOO...
UM...

HMM... ALL THE SUSPECTS HAVE ALIBIS ...
THAT JUST LEAVES ...
LEAVES ...
have alibis.
HUH?
SUDO HAS AN ALIBI, TOO...!!
AND IF HE DIDN'T DO IT, AND YUJI AND MAYUMI HAVE ALIBIS AS WELL...
...WE'RE OUT OF SUSPECTS!

HEY! YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHA--?!
HUH?
A WRITER?
SEE, I'M A WRITER FROM "WEEKLY MODERN TIMES"...
SHINGO! WHY ARE YOU TAKING NOTES?!
HEH HEH... WELL, AS A JOURNALIST--
NO! STOP IT!
UM... HE'S MY BOYFRIEND !!

A PREMARITAL VACATION?! SINNERS!
MAYUMI'S BOYFRIEND!!
YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
HE'S MAYUMI'S EX-BOYFRIEND! I SAW HIM LURKING AROUND THE BAR!!
OH MY GOD!! IT'S... IT'S HIM!!
I'M SHINGO KAMISHIMA! SOON, MY NAME WILL BE FAMOUS...
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SHINGO KAMISHIMA
キラ！ン
WELL THEN, KAMISHIMA... I'D JUST LOOOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU WERE DOING BETWEEN 11:00 AND 12:15 LAST NIGHT!!
HUH?!

CAN YOU PROVE YOUR WHEREABOUTS...
...DURING THE TIME WHEN NERIMA WAS KILLED?
WAIT ...
YOU WERE ...?
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MY... MY ALIBI?
I WAS DRINKING WITH KURUMI AND MAYUMI LAST NIGHT...
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WHERE'S THE BEER?
TWO GIRLS
SO... YOU HAVE NO ALIBI, YES?
HERE IT IS.
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BUT... BUT I WAS JUST, UH...
I WAS JUST WANDERING AROUND THE LOBBY AND THE BATHHOUSE ON THE WAY TO BUY BEER...!

WAIT A MINUTE, CHIKUWA!! WHY WOULD HE MURDER SOMEONE?!
?!
MAYBE YOUR BOYFRIEND STILL HAD FEELINGS FOR MAYUMI AND DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF NERIMA TO WIN HER BACK!

THIS IS NUTS! I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE!
N-NO! TH-THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE HIM... BUT IF HE DOESN'T HAVE AN ALIBI...

COME ON! ♡
NO!! KURUMI...!!
LET'S GO OVER YOUR STORY DOWN-TOWN, PAL!!
HELP ...!
SHINGO!!
!!
HEY, AYAKI! WHERE YOU GOING?!
LET ME GO!
MOMMY! ♡

BEEP
BEEP
HIMURO HERE.
OH!
H-HIMURO ...!!
PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!!
IT'S SHINGO!
NERIMA WAS KILLED-- AND THEY THINK SHINGO IS A SUSPECT!!

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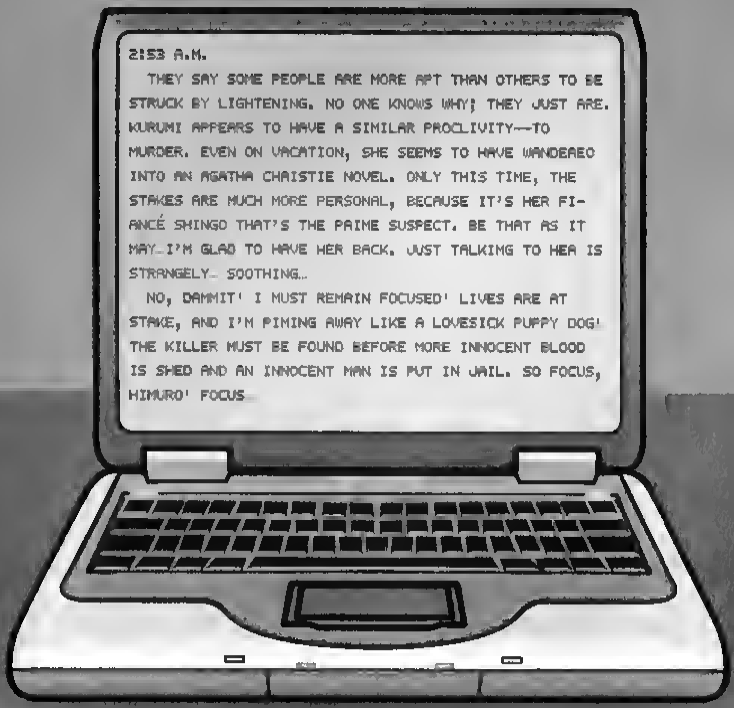
2:53 A.M.
THEY SAY SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE APT THAN OTHERS TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTENING. NO ONE KNOWS WHY; THEY JUST ARE. KURUMI APPEARS TO HAVE A SIMILAR PROCLIVITY—TO MURDER. EVEN ON VACATION, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE WANDERED INTO AN AGATHA CHRISTIE NOVEL. ONLY THIS TIME, THE STAKES ARE MUCH MORE PERSONAL, BECAUSE IT'S HER FIANCÉ SHINGO THAT'S THE PRIME SUSPECT. BE THAT AS IT MAY—I'M GLAD TO HAVE HER BACK. JUST TALKING TO HER IS STRANGELY— SOOTHING...
NO, DAMMIT! I MUST REMAIN FOCUSED! LIVES ARE AT STAKE, AND I'M PINING AWAY LIKE A LOVESICK PUPPY DOG! THE KILLER MUST BE FOUND BEFORE MORE INNOCENT BLOOD IS SHED AND AN INNOCENT MAN IS PUT IN JAIL. SO FOCUS, HIMURO! FOCUS—

HIMURO AND AYAKI
ARE BACK ON THE CASE IN...

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